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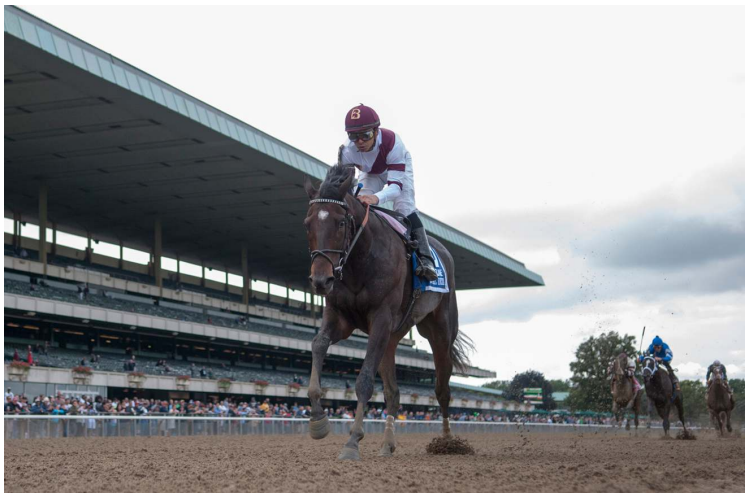

Royal Delta | *A. Coglianese*

Five contemporary horses, four of which are champion racemares, three trainers and one jockey make up the nine finalists on the ballot for induction into the class of 2019 for the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, it was announced Thursday.

The four leading ladies are the late three-time champion **Royal Delta** (Empire Maker) in her first year of eligibility, Horse of the Year **Havre de Grace** (Saint Liam), Classic-winning champion **Rags To Riches** (A.P. Indy) and champion **Blind Luck** (Pollard's Vision). The fifth equine finalist is the versatile **Gio Ponti** (Tale of the Cat), who is also a three-time Eclipse Award winner.

Mark Casse, Christophe Clement and David Whiteley are the trio of trainers eligible for induction, while Craig Perret is the lone jockey on the ballot.

Royal Delta won 12 of her 22 starts with 10 of those winner's circle visits coming in graded events, six of which were Grade Is. She earned over $4.8 million during her stellar career. Capturing the 2011 GI Alabama S. and GI Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic en route to champion 3-year-old female honors, the '**TDN Rising Star**' was subsequently sold by her breeder Palides Investments for $8.5 million to Besilu Stables at that term's Keeneland November Sale. Winner of both the GII Fleur de Lis H. and GII Delaware H. in the summer of 2012, the Bill Mott pupil romped in the GI Beldame S. and repeated in Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic to secure her second Eclipse award. ***Cont. p3***

ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER JOINS STRONACH LEGAL FRAY

by T.D. Thornton

Frank Stronach's youngest granddaughter has just joined the family fray that involves a complex series of lawsuits and counter-suits over control of The Stronach Group (TSG), the billion-dollar family empire whose portfolio includes six United States racetracks and a Thoroughbred breeding, racing, and training division.

The Globe and Mail was first to report Feb. 14 that Selena Stronach, 18, went to Ontario Superior Court of Justice last week "with a suit aimed at maintaining a jet-set lifestyle and limiting the role of her aunt Belinda Stronach," who is Frank Stronach's daughter and was years ago appointed as his hand-picked chairman and president of TSG.

According to the *Globe and Mail*, Selena Stronach is the daughter of Andrew Stronach, Frank's son. The paper said her lawsuit is seeking that Belinda Stronach "pay or reimburse Selena for personal expenses that have historically been paid or reimbursed on her behalf through the trusts and/or TSG." ***Cont. p6***

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Kelsey Riley looks at the mating of Lady Aurelia and Curlin, who could yet emerge as a good turf sire.

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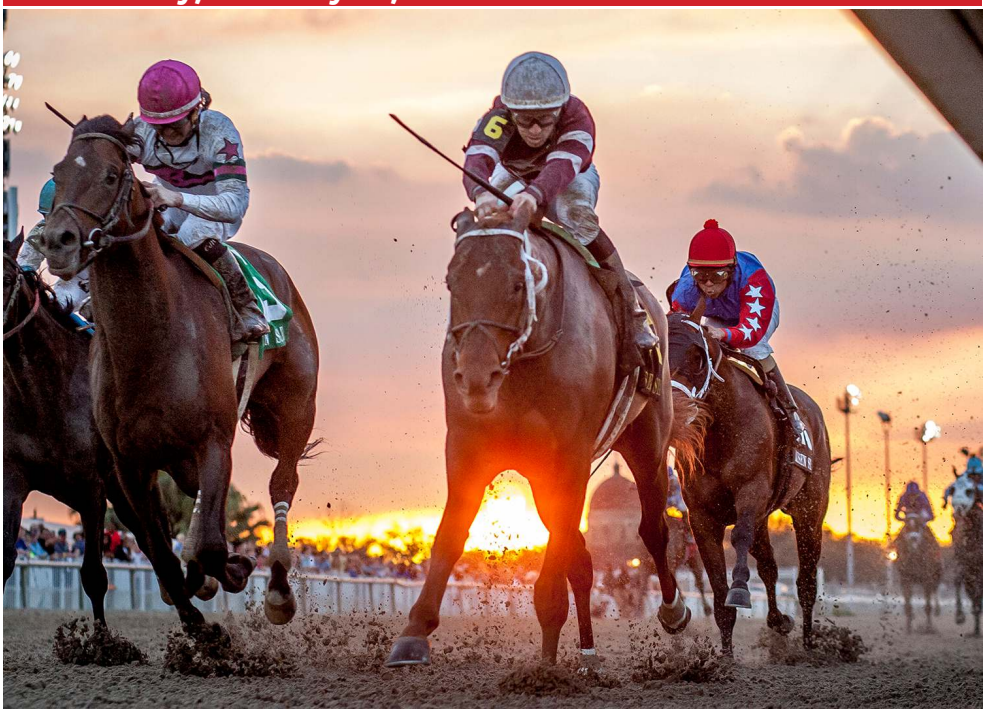

Flashback Friday: *Horse of the Year Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), whose first foals are hitting the ground this season, scored the first graded stakes victory of his career in the 2016 GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds. Check out our graded stakes fields section for this year's Risen Star competitors.* | *Hodges Photography*

FIRES, GRAY GEAR UP FOR SOUTHWEST **7**

Trainer William 'Jinx' Fires hopes his 3-year-old colt ***Gray Attempt*** *(Graydar) can keep his hot streak going in the GIII Southwest S. Monday.*

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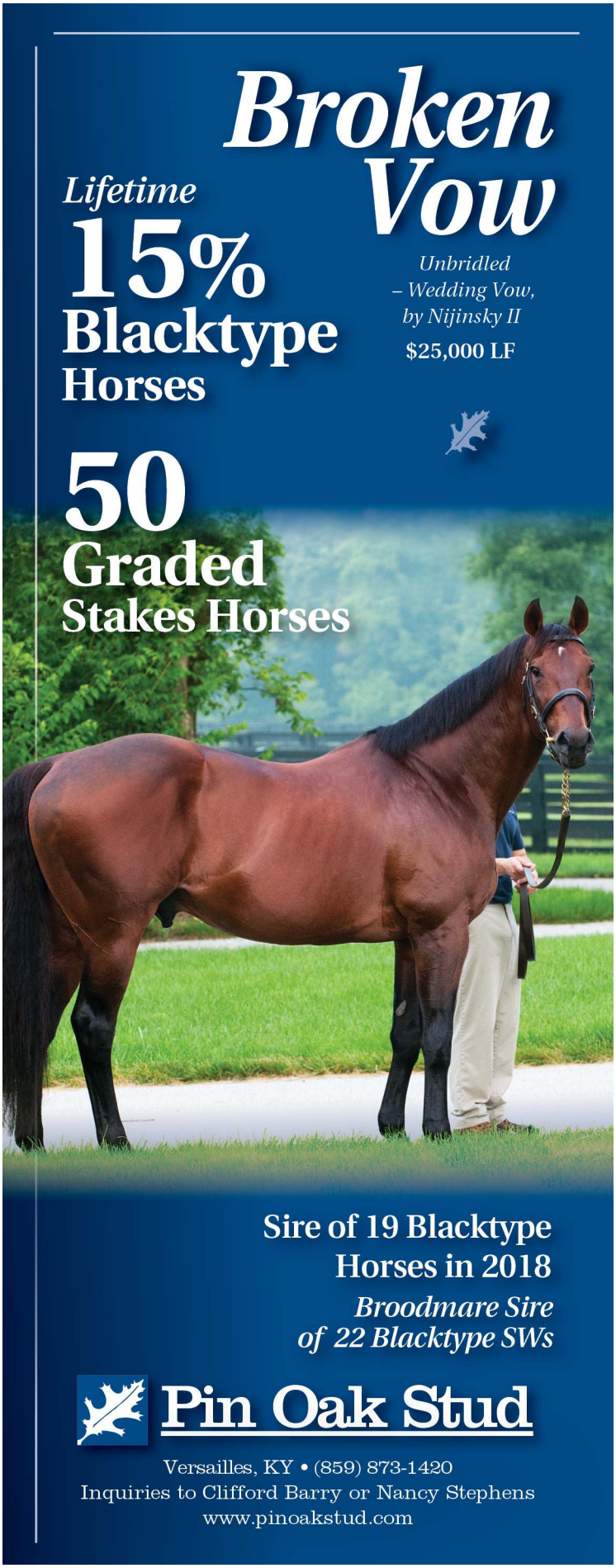
Kicking off her 5-year-old season with a win in the 2013 GIII Sabin S., which has been renamed in her honor, Royal Delta repeated in the Del 'Cap, which was upgraded to a Grade I and she also won the GI Personal Ensign H. Fourth to another future Hall of Famer in Beholder (Henny Hughes) in that year's Breeders' Cup, she took home the hardware yet again as the season's top older mare. Royal Delta died in Ireland at just 9-years-old to due to complications from delivering her first foal in 2017. Her Galileo (Ire) filly, now named Delta's Royalty, survived and the 2-year-old is now in training with Roger Varian.

Rags to Riches defeating Curlin in the 2007 Belmont | *Sarah Andrew*

Purchased by the Coolmore contingent for $1.9 million as a KEESEP yearling, Rags to Riches made just seven starts, but she made them count with five straight victories and $1,342,528 in earnings. Trained by Todd Pletcher, the chestnut reeled off victories in the GI Las Virgenes S., GI Santa Anita Oaks and GI Kentucky Oaks in 2017. Given her shot against males in the GI Belmont S., Rags to Riches did not disappoint, winning a no-holds-barred stretch battle with Hall of Famer Curlin to become the third female to capture the Test of a Champion. The blue-blooded distaffer made just one more start after that, finishing second in the GI Gazelle S., and earned that year's Eclipse for top sophomore filly.

Blind Luck captured Grade I events at the ages of two, three and four, earning over $3.2 million for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, Mark DeDomenico LLC, John Carver and Peter Abruzzo; while Fox Hill Farms' Havre de Grace banked $2.5 million and was named the 2011 Horse of the Year. The pair began their well-documented rivalry in the 2010 GII Delaware Oaks, with Blind Luck getting the better of Havre de Grace in a photo finish. She repeated the feat one month later in the Alabama, but Havre de Grace returned the favor in the GII Cotillion S. at Philadelphia Park (now Parx) in October. ***Cont. p4***



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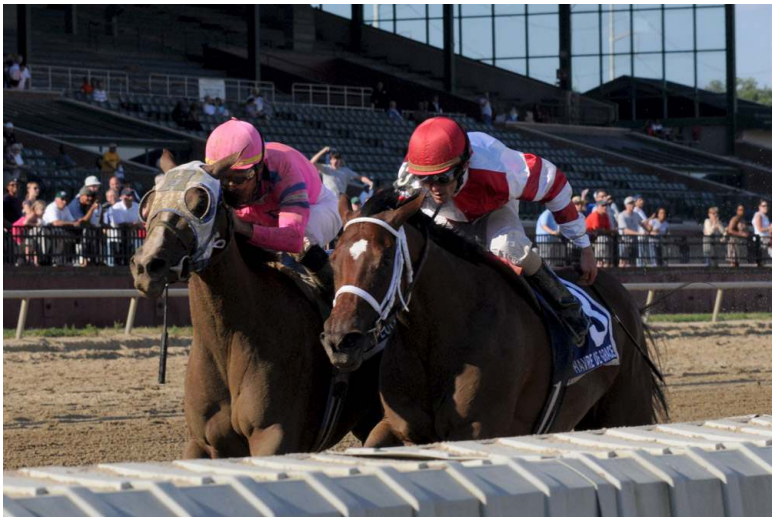
After Blind Luck and Havre de Grace respectively ran second and third behind Unrivaled Belle (Unbridled's Song), dam of two-time champion Unique Bella (Tapit), in the Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic, Blind Luck was crowned champion sophomore filly of 2010.

The rivalry continued into 2011, with Havre de Grace besting Blind Luck in Oaklawn Park's GIII Azeri S. The pair would later return to Delaware Park to meet one final time, with Blind Luck hitting the wire a nose in front of Havre de Grace in the Delaware H. Havre de Grace would go on to defeat males in the GI Woodward S. in her next start, cementing her Horse of the Year honors and was named that term's champion older female. She sold to Mandy Pope for a record-breaking $10 million at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton November Sale.



Blind Luck (outside) & Havre de Grace in the 2011 Del 'Cap | *Horsephotos*

Gio Ponti, a finalist for the third consecutive year, amassed 10 graded stakes victories--eight of which were Grade Is--and earnings of over $6.1 million in a career that saw him earn three championship honors for owner Castleton Lyons. His Grade I victories include the 2009 Frank E Kilroe Mile H., Woodford Reserve Manhattan H., Man o' War S. (which he also won in 2010) and Arlington Million S., and the 2010 and 2011 renewals of the Shadwell Turf Mile.

Gio Ponti's conditioner Clement, 53, joins him on the ballot this year. The Frenchman has won 1,906 races to date for earnings of over $127 million during a career that started in 1991. Clement's top trainees include Belmont winner Tonalist (Tapit), who also took two renewals of the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and the GI Cigar Mile, Discreet Marq (Discreet Cat), Forbidden Apple (Pleasant Colony), Ruthierenne (Pulpit), and In Summation (Put It Back) among others.

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Mark Casse with champion Classic Empire | *Eclipse Sportswire*

Casse, 58, began his training career in 1979 and has won 2,645 races to date with earnings exceeding $157 million. Among his most notable runners in recent years are popular dual champion Tepin (Bernstein), 2016 juvenile champion Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), champion turf male World Approval (Northern Afleet) and MGISW Catch a Glimpse (City Zip).

Whiteley, the son of Hall of Fame trainer Frank Whiteley, gained acclaim as the trainer of champions Waya, Revidere and Just a Game. Winning at a stunning 32.7% clip throughout his training career, the conditioner also is well known for foiling Spectacular Bid's 1979 Triple Crown attempt with Coastal in the Belmont S. Whiteley passed away in 2017 at age 73.

Lone jockey Perret, 68, won 4,415 races and earned over $113 million during a career that spanned from 1967 through 2005. His career highlights include winning the Belmont aboard Bet Twice by 14 lengths and capturing the Kentucky Derby with Unbridled.

Hall of Fame voters may select as many candidates as they believe are worthy of induction to the Hall of Fame. All candidates that receive majority approval (50.1% or higher) of the voting panel will be elected to the Hall of Fame. The former rule capping the number of inductees at four was eliminated by the Museum's Executive Committee in 2018. All the finalists were required to receive support from two-thirds of the Nominating Committee to qualify for the ballot.

Hall of Fame ballots will be mailed to the voting panel Mar. 1. The results of the voting on the contemporary candidates will be announced Apr. 22. That announcement will also include this year's selections by the Museum's Historic Review and Pillars of the Turf committees. ***Cont. p6***

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The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on Friday, Aug. 2 at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be open to the public and is free to attend.

The finalists were selected by the Hall of Fame's Nominating Committee from a total of 93 initial candidates suggested by turf journalists, Thoroughbred industry participants and racing fans. To be eligible, trainers must be licensed for 25 years, while jockeys must be licensed for 20 years. Thoroughbreds are required to be retired for five calendar years before becoming eligible. All candidates must have been active within the past 25 years. The 20- and 25-year requirements for jockeys and trainers, respectively, may be waived, at the discretion of the Museum's Executive Committee. Candidates not active within the past 25 years are eligible through the Historic Review process.

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Another Family Member Joins Stronach Legal Fray cont. from p1

Frank Stronach | *Horsephotos*

The *Globe and Mail* reported that both Selena Stronach and her mother, Kathleen Stronach, receive "$15,000 [CDN] a month in direct transfers from the family's private holding company, TSG, plus unrestricted use of credit cards, and private jet flights for monthly vacations at five- and six-star hotels." Selena Stronach owns a ranch with one full-time employee, where she raises cattle that are shown in country fairs, and "the operation is expensive to run," court documents said.

Those financial details were all disclosed back in January when Kathleen Stronach filed her own claim of support from the Stronach family as part of divorce proceedings against her husband, Andrew Stronach. ***Cont. p7***

Another Family Member Joins Stronach Legal Fray cont.

The Stronach clan's long-simmering rancor became public back in October, when Frank Stronach, the 86-year-old family patriarch, filed a lawsuit in conjunction with his wife, Elfriede, alleging "a complete break-down" of family relationships as a result of years of strife and power struggles within TSG.

That suit sought the removal of his daughter from all corporate officer and trustee positions related to the Stronach empire, and also demanded a jury trial to award $540 million (CDN) in compensation and damages. Two of Frank Stronach's grandchildren--Nicole and Frank Walker, Belinda's children--were named as co-defendants.

Separately, Andrew Stronach filed his own lawsuit in November alleging similar TSG malfeasance as a result of his sister's "serious misconduct." His suit does not seek financial redress.

Belinda Stronach answered her father's court claim with a statement of defense and counter-suit Jan. 21 that alleged Frank Stronach's erratic behavior and ill-advised "passion projects" have cost the family some $850 million (CDN), "with hundreds of millions of this amount likely being irretrievably lost."

The *Globe and Mail* reported Thursday that Belinda Stronach replied to a request for comment with an email that said "[Selena's] legal actions were anticipated because my brother and his wife are not yet legally separated, and my niece has just turned 18. Their individual family arrangements are up to them. We have provided my father and my brother with detailed financial information over many years, which is well documented. We continue to manage our business and trusts with transparent financial principles and good governance and defend against untrue allegations."

Among 247 other TSG holdings, the Stronach family firm owns Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course and Portland Meadows.

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Belinda Stronach | *Horsephotos*

FIRES, GRAY ATTEMPT STAYING IN HIGH GEAR FOR SOUTHWEST

"**Jinks**" **Fires** | *Coady photo*

by Nathan Mayberg

William "Jinks" Fires has a problem right now that every Thoroughbred trainer would love to have. He has a 3-year-old colt who doesn't want to stop running.

Gray Attempt (Graydar) is on a three-race winning streak, most notably capturing the Sugar Bowl S. at Fair Grounds Dec. 22 prior to annexing the Smarty Jones S. on opening day at Oaklawn Park Jan. 25. He is due back in the Hot Springs oval's GIII Southwest S. Monday, and a positive outcome in that race could further fuel the GI Kentucky Derby dreams of Fires and owner Dwight Pruett. ***Cont. p8***

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Gray Attempt | *Coady photo*

At 78, Fires, too, doesn't want to stop running. He has lived a full life, both on and off the racetrack. He has been to the Derby once before in 2011 with Archarcharch. He served his country during the 1960s when he was drafted into the Army and was based on the Korean peninsula. In fact, Fires received his draft papers while bareback riding in Wisconsin. Three times, his Army unit was told it would to be sent to Vietnam, only for the order to be rescinded.

Back home, he juggled jobs as a rodeo rider and a Thoroughbred and quarter horse jockey. He galloped horses for the likes of Hall of Fame trainers P.G. Johnson and Jack Van Berg. Ironically, Gray Attempt's lone defeat (when fourth in his career debut) came behind a horse named Jack Van Berg (To Honor and Serve)--trained by Van Berg's son Thomas Van Berg, while ridden by Fires's son-in-law, Jon Court.

Fires is the second oldest of 11 children (nine of them boys--a 12th child died at six months) born on a farm in rural Arkansas to a family that raised cattle and grew soybeans and cotton. Given the nickname "Jinks" by a family babysitter, Fires said he has vivid memories of breaking ice with his brothers so that the cattle could cross the water. Those times required hard work. "I wouldn't trade it with anybody," Fires said.

Without question, Fires's most well-known sibling is his younger brother, Earlie Fires, a retired Hall of Fame jockey. Jinks brought Earlie and their brother Jackie into the Thoroughbred business when he was breaking yearlings in the 1960's. Unfortunately for Jackie, he was paralyzed on the track in a riding accident in 1977 in the midst of a successful career as a jockey in Ohio. Another brother, Herman, still dabbles as a part-time trainer.

After the end of Fires's service in the Army in 1966, he and his oldest brother, Bucky, bought a couple of weanlings, and Fires branched out into the training business. Over the course of his young training and riding career, he battled back from ankle injuries and a broken leg from accidents with horses.

Fires faced down even tougher times when a fire destroyed his barn at Washington Park in the 1970s, killing all of his horses. He was living in a motel at the time with his pregnant wife. "All I had was boots. I bought a helmet and galloped horses again," he said. "It kind of kicks the props from underneath you. Just like families who lose their homes all at once and have nothing. You start over. You can't give up."

Fires rebuilt his training business over time, amassing 1,469 wins to date.

But Fires never had a Grade I winner until 2011 when Archarcharch came along and won the GI Arkansas Derby. Archarcharch went on to run 15th in the Kentucky Derby and was injured in the aftermath of the race--a return to reality for the veteran horseman.

"I've never felt better leading a horse into the paddock than I did that day," said Fires, who added that he sees it as a near-miracle that Archarcharch defeated four horses that day, considering he was pulled up crossing the wire with a condylar fracture.

Archarcharch never raced again and was sent off to stud.

Eight years later, Gray Attempt is on the same path as Archarcharch, using starts in the Sugar Bowl and Smarty Jones as a springboard to the Southwest--which Archarcharch won as a 14-1 chance in 2011.

Fires credits part of his continued success to an ability to pick out winners in the sales ring. He selected Gray Attempt as a Fasig-Tipton July yearling for $50,000 in 2017.

"He's a pretty gritty horse--he has a lot of speed," Fires said.

Gray Attempt and his jockey Shaun Bridgmohan utilized that quickness to get the lead heading into the first turn of the Smarty Jones and never looked back, winning by a neck over Long Range Toddy (Take Charge Indy). ***Cont. p9***

Archarcharch | *Horsephotos*

Fires, Gray Attempt Staying in High Gear for Southwest cont.

Fires said his greatest challenge right now is to get Gray Attempt to relax. While the colt is often full of energy in the mornings and willing to go after any horse in sight, the trainer said he doesn't classify his stable star as a need-the-lead type. Fires, who also has Hall of Fame racing driver A.J. Foyt's Grade III winner Colonelsdarktemper in his 22-horse barn, likens his handling of Gray Attempt to the way Foyt handled his cars.

"If he would put his accelerator all the way down, the engine could blow," Fires said. "You let the horse go out and do everything every day, something's got to give."

Again, not the worst problem to have.

"To have one [like Gray Attempt] in your barn at any time of your career is great," Fires said. "I don't plan on throwing in the towel soon. It keeps you getting up in the morning."

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NYRA LAUNCHES 'SHIP & WIN' PROGRAMS

Aqueduct | *Sarah Andrew*

The New York Racing Association has created shipping incentive programs at Aqueduct Racetrack and Belmont Park for horsemen based at Fair Hill Training Center, Oaklawn Park, Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs.

Horses based in Fair Hill, in Elkton, Maryland, who register an official start during the Aqueduct spring meet, from Apr. 5 through Apr. 20, or during the Belmont spring/summer meet, from Apr. 26 through July 7, will see their owners credited with an $800 shipping stipend, excluding stakes races.

A first-time starter must have their previous three workouts at Fair Hill to be eligible. NYRA reserves the right to determine eligibility for qualified starters, with each prospective eligible horse needing to demonstrate a pattern of works at Fair Hill in order to be considered based at the training center.

The Fair Hill incentive is complemented by "Ship & Win" programs for horsemen based in Florida or at Oaklawn Park in Arkansas.

Horses that made their previous start at Oaklawn Park may be able to take advantage of a "Ship & Win" program, which includes a 30% purse bonus for their first two starts as well as a $1,500 shipping stipend for a start during either the Aqueduct spring or Belmont spring/summer meets, excluding stakes races.

Additionally, horses who made their previous start at either Gulfstream Park or Tampa Bay Downs may be eligible for a shipping subsidy for a start during the Aqueduct spring meet, excluding stakes races. Owners who ship horses from Florida and make their first start from Mar. 8 through Mar. 31 will receive $2,000, while horses shipped in from the Sunshine State that make their first start from Apr. 5 through Apr. 20 will be credited $1,500.

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VANCE TO HEAD NEW VOCATIONS NEW YORK DIVISION

By Diana Pikulski

I first met Amanda Vance when I was working for the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and we invited her to bring some off-track Thoroughbreds from her lesson/retraining facility, North Country Horses, to the Run for the Horses 5K road race to benefit Saratoga-area aftercare organizations. The morning of the race, I looked up from my duty at the registration table to see a herd of Thoroughbreds from North Country Horses carrying young riders and mingling with the crowd. A wave of panic washed over me.

Music blared from the loudspeakers and up went the giant inflatable finish line arch. The horses seemed oblivious and calm while being surrounded by kids and adults alike thrilled to be up-close and personal with racehorses. Then, the boat horn sounded the start of the Kids Fun Run. The North Country Thoroughbreds moved in formation and filled the infield of the Fun Run course while the kids raced around them. ***Cont. p10***

On Aftercare cont.

After the second boat horn sounded the start of the 5K, the horses and riders calmly headed out as the last set on course and made the Run for the Horses a very special event. Everyone was impressed. Vance had her horses and their riders beautifully trained and acclimated to crowds and loud noises.

"We have high expectations for our off-track Thoroughbreds," said Vance. "We expose them to a lot of different activities at the farm to build up their confidence. And, they never let us down."

Vance on Prince Raffie and Alex Toma on Celtic Walk | *TRF Photo*

Now, Vance's farm has some new residents. On Jan. 14, 2019, the horses of New Vocations arrived and Vance became the head of the New Vocations New York Division. There are currently 14 New Vocations horses in various stages of rehabilitation or retraining at the facility.

"Over the past several years Amanda Vance and her team at North Country have done a wonderful job providing much needed rehabilitation services to our horses," said Anna Ford, Thoroughbred Program Director at New Vocations. "With the changes we made at our New York training facility it only seemed natural to have Amanda take over the training and adoption side as well. We are excited to expand our partnership with her and ultimately provide our aftercare services to more horses."

A native of upstate New York, Vance has been riding her whole life and her success with off-track Thoroughbreds started with Prince Raffie (Raffie's Majesty) who she adopted from a Finger Lakes area organization in 2012. Raffie, a handsome liver chestnut earned $226,552 in 91 starts and retired at age 10.

"Raffie transitioned from racehorse to riding horse and farm life in one day," said Vance. "He does it all. He has been perfect since the day he arrived. Raffie set the bar and now this is what we expect."

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Vance has 12 Thoroughbreds in her lesson and camp program. She credits her whole team at North Country Horses with the retraining success they enjoy.

"My riders and trainers come from all different disciplines and they all love Thoroughbreds," said Vance. "I can draw upon their wide range of experience to allow every horse to excel in the place to which they are really suited."

Prior to accepting the new position with New Vocations, Vance had been rehabilitating New Vocations horses and then handing them off to Leandra Cooper, the former NY Division Head. Cooper moved to Kentucky and became the New Vocations at Mereworth Farm facility director and trainer. New Vocations' strong team approach and support system helped lead Vance to accept the leadership post with the 27-year-old organization.

"We have a monthly trainer conference call, an annual retreat, and there is always someone available for consultation," said Vance. "No matter what comes up, and with horses in rehab and retraining there is usually something, I feel supported and connected to the New Vocations team."

As for her new charges, Vance is very optimistic.

"The horses in training are coming along great," said Vance. "We have horse shows here at the farm so it's a great way to get the horses used to new activity and the pace of a horse show or a busy riding stable. I'm especially excited about So True to Theleft, a beautiful filly who retired prior to racing because of a fracture. She is 100% sound with no limitations. She is smart and a flashy hunter-type so I think she will be going places."

"Basically, I'm looking forward to get these horses out and in front of people," said Vance. "We are going to help a lot of Thoroughbreds."

New Vocations is accredited by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. To see the horses available for adoption at New Vocations New York, click here.

Diana Pikulski is the editor of the Thoroughbred Adoption Network.

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TDN THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS

ARGENTINIAN CHAMPION DONA BRUJA RETIRED

By Diego H. Mitagstein

Argentinian champion **Dona Bruja (Arg)** (Storm Embrujado {Arg}--This Is Crazy {Aus}, by Nureyev) was retired from racing and will be bred to Empire Maker, according to trainer Ignacio Correas. Owned by Dom Felipe LLC, the bay won 11 of 19 starts for earnings of $639,068, and was crowned Argentina's Mare of the Year and champion older mare prior to her move to the U.S.

"We sent her to the farm for a rest following her last start and to think about if we would leave her in training or retire her," said Correas. "She is already 7-years-old and it is time for her to rest. Mr. [Ivan] Gasparotto is here and we made the decision together. She was a very special part of our history, and during the long time we had the chance to train her, she always showed us so much talent. We are very grateful to her for this amazing journey. It is a great satisfaction for all of us to retire her healthy."

Winner of the G1 Gran Premio Copa de Plata, at San Isidro, Dona Bruja won the GIII Old Forester Mint Julep H. at Churchill Downs in her first U.S. start in June of 2017 and followed suit with a win in the GIII Modesty H. at Arlinton. Second in that year's GI Beverly D. S., Dona Bruja also won the 2018 GIII Endeavour S. and was second in last year's GI First Lady S. at Keeneland, only a head behind A Raving Beauty (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}).

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INDIANA BILL WOULD AUTHORIZE 'BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE' TESTING

By T.D. Thornton

Commission-conducted equine drug testing in Indiana will no longer be limited to blood or urine samples as of July 1 if a bill currently working its way through the state legislature becomes law.

According to the text of HB 1196, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC) will be authorized to access "biological samples" that will now include "any fluid, tissue, or other substance obtained from a horse through an internal or external means to test for foreign substances, natural substances at abnormal levels, and prohibited medications. The term includes blood, urine, saliva, hair, muscle tissue collected at necropsy, semen, and other substances appropriate for testing as determined by the commission."

The bill contains several other commission-level changes, including a mandate that the IHRC adopt rules that better protect the confidentiality of personal information on license applications, such as an applicant's such as date of birth and home address.

The bill passed a third reading in the House of Representatives Feb. 5 by a 94-0 margin and has been referred to the Senate.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

NOT THAT BRADY TO RACE FOR BCCA

Not That Brady | *Susie Raisher*

Not That Brady (Big Brown), owned by Michael Imperio, Lianna Stables and trainer Rudy Rodriguez, will also be racing to benefit the Belmont Child Care Association when he runs in the Mar. 9 GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct. The owners have committed 10% of the colt's Gotham earnings to BCCA.

"My husband [Michael] and I thought it would be a great way to give back and it's something a lot of other owners do," said BCCA President Libby Imperio. "Barbara Banke has always been very generous donating percentages of her horses' earnings to various charities, and Charlotte Weber and the New York Women's Foundation has also been extremely generous to backstretch charities. We want 'Brady' to run for the kids, but we want him to run for everybody."

When the news broke on Twitter Saturday, Jimmy Riccio, agent for Not That Brady's jockey Reylu Gutierrez, joined in with a 25% donation. The 23-year-old jockey quickly jumped in as well, matching his agent's donation.

"The backstretch is a very tight-knit community," Gutierrez said. "The Belmont backstretch is a little bigger than the Finger Lakes community where I grew up. I learned how to be a good person on the backstretch. If you're willing to listen, I think the backside workers, the blue-collar people, the grooms who work every day in the toughest conditions will show you what it's like to come from the bottom up. And that's why the kids on the backside, with their families who are working so hard, deserve our support. Anything I can do to help a guy or girl from the backside, and I've been there, I'm willing to help out."

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KEENELAND LIBRARY SCHEDULES SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2019

The Keeneland Library, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, will present several exhibits and special events over the next few months, including the popular Library Lecture Series.

From Feb. 19-May 31, the Library will spotlight the acclaimed sculptor of the early 20th century in the display "Herbert Haseltine: The Gold Standard." Visitors will see two prominent works from Haseltine's latter period: "The Thoroughbred Horse" and "Portrait of the Racehorse Tom Fool."

On Feb. 26, sculptor Kirk Hoefling of Versailles, Kentucky, will discuss Haseltine and his work at the first of two Library Lecture events "Herbert Haseltine: The Gold Standard." The program, which begins at 6:30 p.m. ET, is free and open to the public. A reception will follow Hoefling's presentation.

On Mar. 26, the Library will open the next chapter of its exhibit of historic photos titled "From the Vault: Jockeys." The exhibit will feature 26 images dating from the late 1800s to the mid-20th century. Varied memorabilia from jockeys Eddie Arcaro, Ted Atkinson and Bill Shoemaker will accompany the photographs.

The second Library Lecture Series program is scheduled for May 14, when Jennifer Kelly of Madison, Alabama, will discuss her new book, *Sir Barton and the Making of the Triple Crown*.

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JERRY PARKS PASSES AWAY

Jerry Parks, 67, passed away Feb. 5. Owner of Jerry Parks Equine Insurance Inc., Parks's insurance career began with Fasig-Tipton Livestock Underwriters in 1975. In 1984, Jerry and Syl Kiger started Kiger-Parks Insurance and in 1986, he founded his own company.

He is survived by his wife, Diane; his sons Jeremy and Bryan Parks; and his brothers, James Rankin Parks and Stanley Earl Parks, Jr. A memorial service will be held at 2:00p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 at Grace Episcopal Church. Following the service a celebration of life will be held at Ocala Breeders Sales Company from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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The Sweet Life S., which was rained off-the-turf at Santa Anita Feb. 10, has been reinstated as a Grade III.

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TAKE2 FINALS TO BE HELD AT KY NATIONAL

The inaugural $20,000 TAKE2 Finals will take place at the Sept. 18-22 Kentucky National Horse Show at the Kentucky Horse Park. Open to qualified TAKE2 Thoroughbred League members competing in TAKE2-affiliated hunter and jumper divisions, the finals will award $10,000 in prize money each in the hunter and jumper divisions. The entry fee for the first TAKE2 finals will be waived.

The top 40 high-point hunters and jumpers in the TAKE2 League from around the country will be invited to the finals, and the top five finishers in each division at the Kentucky National will automatically earn wild card berths.

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FOALING NEWS *sponsored by*

LONDON TOWER, 7, Head Chopper--Mrs. Donaghy, by Military
Foal born Jan. 31, a filly by Violence.
Will be bred back to Arrogate.
Owned by and boarded at Gallaghers Stud.
Accomplishments: MSW of $398,150.

SKIPSTONE, 13, Montbrook--Never a No Hitter, by Kris S.
Foal born Feb. 2, a colt by Pioneerof the Nile.
Will be bred back to Tiznow.
Owned by and boarded at Morgan's Ford Farm.
Accomplishments: Dam of Skipalute (Midnight Lute), SW & MGSP, $236,293.

NO USE DENYING, 14, Maria's Mon--Rumors are Flying, by Kris S.
Foal born Feb. 3, a filly by Flatter.
Will be bred back to Carpe Diem.
Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud.
Accomplishments: SW of $219,016. Dam of Noble Thought (Harlan's Holiday), GSP, $180,048.

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for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Feb. 13

Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide figures & stud fees are for 2019

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**English Channel**	3	5	--	1	--	--	62	15	442,708	1,310,011
	(2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 9 Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: $30,000									*Channel Maker*	
2	**Street Cry (Ire)**	1	4	1	3	--	1	31	3	575,521	1,049,661
	(1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 12 Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*Delta Prince*	
3	**The Factor**	--	3	--	2	--	--	40	10	100,019	394,253
	(2008) by War Front Crops: 4 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $15,000									*Zuar*	
4	**Scat Daddy**	1	3	--	2	--	--	42	11	71,300	371,911
	(2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*Dolce Lili*	
5	**Square Eddie**	1	3	--	--	--	--	18	2	71,400	188,906
	(2006) by Smart Strike Crops: 7 Stands: Ocean Breeze Ranch CA Fee: $25,000									*Listing*	
6	**Giant's Causeway**	1	2	1	2	1	1	45	6	2,656,250	2,828,203
	(1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 16 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*Bricks and Mortar*	
7	**Kitten's Joy**	--	2	--	1	--	--	85	7	486,975	801,129
	(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: $75,000									*Catapult*	
8	**Tapit**	2	2	1	1	--	--	28	3	90,210	217,515
	(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: $225,000									*Bellavais*	
9	**Animal Kingdom**	--	2	--	1	--	--	25	6	60,000	199,600
	(2008) by Leroidesanimaux (Brz) Crops: 3 Stands: Darley KY Fee: $15,000									*Golden Jaguar*	
10	**Quality Road**	--	2	--	--	--	--	29	8	27,900	197,442
	(2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 6 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $150,000									*Cowboy Culture*	
11	**Unusual Heat**	--	2	--	1	--	--	22	4	44,460	192,744
	(1990) by Nureyev Crops: 19 Stands: Harris Farms USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*Apache Princess*	
12	**City Zip**	1	2	1	1	--	--	28	3	60,000	167,311
	(1998) by Carson City Crops: 15 Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*Caribou Club*	
13	**Blame**	--	2	--	2	--	--	16	2	82,818	164,379
	(2006) by Arch Crops: 6 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: $30,000									*Randonnee*	
14	**Stormy Atlantic**	1	2	--	2	--	--	22	3	55,620	153,135
	(1994) by Storm Cat Crops: 18 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: $10,000									*Conquest Tsunami*	
15	**Smart Strike**	--	2	--	2	--	--	26	2	40,000	133,976
	(1992) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 19 Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*Cleopatra's Strike*	

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TDN THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS GRADED STAKES ENTRIES

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 7:02 p.m. EST

RISEN STAR S. PRESENTED BY LAMARQUE FORD-GII, $400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Plus Que Parfait	Point of Entry	Imperial Racing, LLC	Walsh	Leparoux	122
2	Roiland	Successful Appeal	Durlacher, James and Mary	Amoss	Graham	122
3	Mr. Money	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	122
4	Chase the Ghost	Ghostzapper	Holy Cow Stable, LLC	Stewart	Murrill	122
5	Henley's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Maker	Franco	122
6	Hog Creek Hustle	Overanalyze	Something Special Racing, LLC	Foley	Geroux	122
7	Manny Wah	Will Take Charge	Susan Moulton	Catalano	Hill	122
8	Owendale	Into Mischief	Rupp Racing	Cox	Bridgmohan	122
9	Country House	Lookin At Lucky	Shields, Jr., Mrs. J. V., McFadden, Jr., E. J. M. & LNJ Foxwoods	Mott	Saez	122
10	Limonite	Lemon Drop Kid	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Hernandez, Jr.	122
11	Dunph	Temple City	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz	122
12	Frolic More	More Than Ready	Andrew Farm and On Our Own Stable, LLC	Stewart	Lanerie	122
13	Kingly	Tapit Clearview Stables LLC	Baffert	Van Dyke	122	
14	War of Will	War Front	Gary Barber	Casse	Gaffalione	122
15	Gun It	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-Calloway Stables, LLC, 2-James M. Durlacher & Mary Durlacher, 3-Spruce Lane Farm, 4-Himanshu Shukla, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & SilverFern Farm, LLC, 7-Martha Jane Mulholland &Modo Tesio Equine, LLC, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC, 9-J. V. Shields, Jr., 10-Roberto Mesquita, 11-Equus Farm, 12-Bill Justice & Dr. Naoya Yoshida, 13-Clearsky Farms, 14-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 15-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC andBesilu Stables, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:29 p.m. EST

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S.-GII, $200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Molto Bella	Violence	Six Column Stables, Bloch, Randall L., Manfuso, R, Merritt, Fred, Seiler, John and Harner, Stephen	Wilkes	Leparoux	122
2	Street Band	Istan	Jones, J. Larry, Jones, Cindy and Francis, Ray	Jones	Doyle	122
3	Serengeti Empress	Alternation	Joel Politi	Amoss	Graham	122
4	Positive Spirit	Pioneerof the Nile	Michael J. Ryan	Brisset	Franco	122
5	Liora	Candy Ride (Arg)	Coffeepot Stables	Catalano	Hill	122
6	Oxy Lady	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Beschizza	122
7	Bell's the One	Majesticperfection	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Geroux	122
8	Eres Tu	Malibu Moon	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
9	Needs Supervision	Paynter	Howling Pigeon Farms, Barber, G, Wachtel Stable and Madaket Stables LLC	O'Dwyer	Rocco, Jr.	122
~~10~~	~~Chasing Yesterday~~	~~Tapit~~	~~Summer Wind Equine~~	SCR		~~SCR~~

Breeders: 1-SF Racing Group Inc, 2-Larry Jones, Cindy Jones & Ray Francis, 3-Tri Eques Bloodstock, LLC, 4-Santa Rosa Partners, 5-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Bret Jones, 8-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 9-Mike Abraham, 10-Summer Wind Equine

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:09 p.m. EST

SANTA MONICA S.-GII, $200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Paradise Woods	Union Rags	Steven Sarkowsky & Martin & Pam Wygod	Shirreffs	Rosario	120
2	Selcourt	Tiz Wonderful	Medallion Racing & Keith Abrahams	Sadler	Talamo	120
3	Marley's Freedom	Blame	Cicero Farms, LLC	Baffert	Van Dyke	124
4	Dream Tree	Uncle Mo	Phoenix Thoroughbred III	Baffert	Smith	124
5	Mopotism	Uncle Mo	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
6	Escape Clause	Going Commando	Don Schnell	Schnell	Baze	122
7	Amuse	Medaglia d'Oro	Claiborne Farm, Perry & Ramona Bass & Adele Dilschneider	Mandella	Bejarano	120

Breeders: 1-Herman Sarkowsky, 2-Keith Abrahams, 3-Jack Swain III, 4-Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny, 5-Frank T Batten, 6-Cam Ziprick & Arnason Farms, 7-Raydelz Stable

Saturday, Laurel, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST

GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII, $250,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Majestic Dunhill	Majesticperfection	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Lynch	120
2	Home Run Maker	Into Mischief	Jeff Drown	Englehart	Vargas, Jr.	120
3	Uncontested	Tiz Wonderful	LaPenta, Robert V. and Rosenblum, Harry T.	Patterson	McCarthy	120
4	Colonel Sharp	Colonel John	Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc.	McMahon	Acosta	120
5	Moe Trouble	Uncle Mo	Michael W. Jester	Gonzalez	Torres	120
6	Still Having Fun	Old Fashioned	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Terp Racing LLC	Keefe	Prat	122
7	Laki	Cuba	Hillside Equestrian Meadows	Dilodovico	Karamanos	120
8	Life in Shambles	Broken Vow	Ara Aprahamian	Servis	Toledo	122
9	It's Good to Be Us	Tapit Cash is King LLC	Servis	Pennington	120	
10	Do Share	Candy Ride (Arg)	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Centeno	120
11	Rockinn On Bye	Rock Hard Ten	Super C Racing Inc.	Gonzalez	Carrasco	120
12	Cordmaker	Curlin	Hillwood Stable LLC	Jenkins	Cintron	120
13	Something Awesome	Awesome Again	Stronach Stables	Corrales	Prado	124
14	Long May You Run	City Zip	Kirwan Equine Group, Inc.	Zulueta	Salgado	120

Breeders: 1-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton &Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Richard Forbush, 4-Susan Casner, 5-Michael W. Jester, 6-Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Tim Keefe, 7-Tom Michaels & Lorna Baker, 8-C. Clement & Don M. Robinson, 9-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 10-Colts Neck Stables, LLC., 11-Sycamore Hall Farm LLC, 12-Robert T. Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss, 13-Adena Springs, 14-Sienna Farms LLC

Saturday, Laurel, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST

BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, $250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Spiced Perfection	Smiling Tiger	Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable & Peter Deutsch	Miller	Prat	124
2	Late Night Pow Wow	Fiber Sonde	Breeze Easy, LLC	Contreras	Peltroche	122
3	Shimmering Aspen	Malibu Moon	Hillwood Stable LLC	Jenkins	Carrasco	120
4	Dawn the Destroyer	Speightstown	Stonestreet Stables LLC	McLaughlin	Alvarado	120
5	Honor Way	Caleb's Posse	Aron S. Yagoda	Rice	Karamanos	120
6	My Cousin Martha	Stay Thirsty	Keith S. Crupper & Perry Harrison	Walder	Pimentel	120
7	Devine Mischief	Into Mischief	Breeze Easy, LLC	Contreras	Acosta	120
8	Ms Locust Point	Dialed In	Jim Reichenberg & Cash is King LLC	Servis	Vargas, Jr.	122
9	Timeless Curls	Curlin	Sookdeen Pasram	Capuano	Hamilton	120
10	Your Love	Flatter	Paul P. Pompa, Jr. & WinStar Farm LLC	Brown	McCarthy	120
11	Lady Vicki	Boys At Tosconova	Diamond M Stable & Roll the Dice T'breds, LLC	Gaudet	Rosado	120

Breeders: 1-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC, 2-John Mckee, 3-Nancy L. Terhune, Ernest Frohboese &Candyland Farm, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-Candy Meadows LLC, 6-William D. Graham, 7-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 8-Lesley Campion, 9-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, 10-Claiborne Farm, 11-Barry R. Ostrager

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:25 p.m. EST

MINESHAFT H.-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Imperative	Bernardini	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC and Imaginary Stables	Quartarolo	Bravo	117
2	Harlan Punch	Harlan's Holiday	Front Row Racing LLC, Ten Strike Racing, McReynolds, Kevin and Miller, Bob	Cox	Geroux	120
3	Krewe Chief	Parading	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Franco	114
4	Silver Dust	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Gilligan	119
5	Lone Sailor	Majestic Warrior	G M B Racing	Amoss	Graham	118
6	Third Day	Bernardini	Town and Country Racing, LLC	Lynch	Ortiz	115
7	Mo Dont No	Uncle Mo	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Quartarolo	Hernandez, Jr.	112
8	Phat Man	Munnings	Brad Grady	Sharp	Beschizza	119
9	Flameaway	Scat Daddy	John C. Oxley	Casse	Gaffalione	116
10	Long On Luck	Lookin At Lucky	Olivia M. Morales	Montano, Sr.	Saez	113
11	Ballard High	Flat Out	Mark H. Stanley	Stewart	Lanerie	113
12	Thirstforlife	Stay Thirsty	Wesley E. Hawley	Hawley	Mena	115
13	Quip	Distorted Humor	WinStar Farm, China Horse Club Int'l & SF Racing	Brisset	Saez	115

Breeders: 1-Glencrest Farm LLC & Darley, 2-Rosemont Farm LLC, 3-Stone Farm, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Alexander - Groves - Matz, LLC., 6-Janet Lyons & James Atwell, 7-Beechwood Racing Stable, 8-Kim Nardelli & Rodney Nardelli, 9-Phoenix Rising Farms, 10-Susan Knoll, 11-Richard Snyder & Connie Snyder, 12-Camas Park Stud, 13-WinStar Farm, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:57 p.m. EST

FAIR GROUNDS H.-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tiz a Slam	Tiznow	Chiefswood Stable	Attfield	Lanerie	121
2	Sir Dudley Digges	Gio Ponti	Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.	Maker	Gaffalione	118
3	Sun Lover (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Andrew Craycroft	Murphy	Gilligan	113
4	Long On Luck	Lookin At Lucky	Olivia M. Morales	Montano, Sr.	Saez	113
5	Big Changes	Midshipman	Steve Landers Racing LLC	Cox	Geroux	119
6	First Premio	Pure Prize	Team Valor International	Casse	Hernandez, Jr.	119
7	Combatant	Scat Daddy	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Ortiz	115
8	Markitoff	Giant's Causeway	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Franco	115
9	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Bravo	122
10	Great Wide Open (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	M and J Thoroughbreds & Riverside Bloodstock	Murphy	Graham	120
11	Bandua	The Factor	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Beschizza	115

Breeders: 1-Chiefswood Stables, 2-Bernard & Karen McCormack, 3-Lofts Hall Stud, B. Sangster & St Albans, 4-Susan Knoll, 5-Joanne Crowe & Joe Pickerrell, 6-Ronald. McPeek, 7-Paget Bloodstock, 8-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 9-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 10-Newtown Anner Stud, 11-Judy Hicks & Kathryn Nikkel

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:12 p.m. EST

ROYAL DELTA S.-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT	
1	Tequilita	Union Rags	Dorothy Alexander Matz	Matz	Velazquez	123
2	Weekend Mischief	Into Mischief	Arindel	Gold	Sanchez	119
3	Another Broad	Include	Madaket Stables, Elayne Stable 5 & Brian Martin	Pletcher	Castellano	117
4	Tulsa Queen	Cactus Ridge	Shagbark Farm, LLC	Walsh	Panici	119
5	Jala Jala (Mex)	Point Determined	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Jaramillo	121
6	Silver Bay	Currency Swap	Richlyn Farms	Hickey	Juarez	121
7	Blamed	Blame	Cleber J. Massey	Mott	Ortiz, Jr.	123

Breeders: 1-Dorothy Matz, 2-Arindel, 3-Fitzhugh, LLC, 4-Anne Walsh, 5-Rancho San Jorge, 6-Renee Parks & Melvin James & Judy Karlin, 7-Sagamore Farm

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Friday, Turfway, post time: 8:12 p.m. EDT

JOHN BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL S., $75,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Echo Alpha Six	Sky Mesa	Kennedy	Godsey	10-1
2	Dabo	Temple City	McKee	Romans	12-1
3	The Mackem Bullet (Ire)	Society Rock (Ire)	Machado	Ward	2-1
4	Dynamic Racer	Run Away and Hide	Prentice Jr	Kahles	20-1
5	Wallace	Run Away and Hide	Ouzts	Danner	12-1
6	Maya Solomea	Risque Remarque	A Lezcano	Macias	30-1
7	Kentucky Allstar	Oxbow	Prescott	Maker	12-1
8	Somelikeithotbrown	Big Brown	R Hernandez	Maker	6-5
9	Zulu Legend	Zulu Magic	Pilares	R Gorham	20-1
10	Over Protective	Hold Me Back	Franklin	Kinmon	12-1

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

10th-Gulfstream, $44,120, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 2-14, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.25, ft.

A BIT OF BOTH (f, 3, Paynter--Lizzie K, by High Fly), a $10,000 OBS October purchase by co-breeder Darsan Inc. in 2017, was bought into by four other partners and transferred from the Kathleen O'Connell barn after dusting $50,000 maiden claimers by 11 3/4 lengths first out here Sept. 28. Debuting for the new barn Jan. 10, the bay could only manage a distant runner-up finish at 1-10, but was backed heavily at 7-10 to make amends in this spot. Away well, the bay dictated terms through splits of :22.67 and :45.90, arrived at the head of the lane under confident handling and responded once shaken up to edge clear for a three-length success. Brunette Princess (Bodemeister) was second best. The winner has a juvenile Shanghai Bobby half-brother named China Road and a yearling half-sister by Vancouver (Aus). Her dam returned to the former sire last term. Sales History: $10,000 Ylg '17 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $60,810. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables LLC, Darsan, Inc., Bethlehem Stables LLC & David Simon; B-Darsan Inc. & WinStar Farm, LLC (FL); T-Jason Servis.

WinStar Bred

6th-Fair Grounds, $42,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 2-14, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.57, fm.

BEAUTIFUL BALLAD (f, 3, Maclean's Music--Inner Groove, by Rock Hard Ten) was off the board in a pair of Kentucky dirt starts to open her account last fall, but woke up with a switch to turf and addition of blinkers to graduate despite a wide trip here Jan. 5. Given a 24-5 repeat chance, the $260,000 Fasig-Tipton July buy was reined back to travel in sixth behind splits of :24.17 and :49.09. Darting to a rail opening on the latter half of the far bend, she snuck up the inside three sixteenths from home and drew clear to score by 3 3/4 lengths over 'TDN Rising Star' Desert Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}). The victress has a juvenile Commissioner half-brother and a yearling half-sister by Wicked Strong. Her dam was bred to Gormley last spring. Sales History: $55,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $260,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $48,648. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-John C. Oxley; B-Cuevas-Montenegro Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Santa Anita, $56,053, Msw, 2-14, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:02.65, sy.

BUMP BAILEY (c, 3, Fed Biz--One Hot Senorita, by Sharp Humor) showed an average-looking worktab at San Luis Rey before perking up with a half-mile gate spin in :47 flat (2/27) to cap preparations there Feb. 8, and was overlooked at 12-1 in this debut. Breaking sharply, the $190,000 Barretts April buy showed the way through a sharp :21.44 quarter, widened past a :44.47 half and never looked a loser in the stretch, coasting home 3 1/2 lengths to the good of Grit and Curiosity (Macho Uno). Sales History: $90,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $175,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $190,000 2yo '18 BARAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Lynn Jones (KY); T-Peter Miller.

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Saturday, February 16, 2019

3rd-KYO, ¥11,400,000 *($103k)*, Newcomers, 3yo, 1800m

SHIBUYA CROSSING (c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Oleanda Avenue, by A.P. Indy), a $200K Keeneland September yearling, is a maternal grandson of GI Ballerina H. winner Harmony Lodge (Hennessy), also the dam of GSW Stratford Hill (A.P. Indy) and SP Armistice Day (Declaration of War). The colt's Grade III-winning third dam Win Crafty Lady (Crafty Prospector) bred MGSW Graeme Hall (Dehere); GSW Win McCool (Giant's Causeway), dam of MGSW Cool Beans (Candy Ride {Arg}); and Win's Fair Lady (Dehere), dam of GSW First Passage (Giant's Causeway). Shibuya Crossing is bred like GI Kentucky Oaks winner Plum Pretty. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm (KY).

Sunday, February 17, 2019

3rd-KYO, ¥9,550,000 *($86k)*, Maiden, 3yo, 1400m

WIEGENLIED (f, 3, Tiznow--Dream Supreme, by Seeking the Gold) showed little in a single turf appearance at two, but the $400K KEESEP purchase is beautifully bred for this switch to the dirt. Her dam was a dual Grade I winner at seven furlongs and produced Grade I-winning juvenile Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy), SW & GSP Evolutionist (El Prado {Ire}) and SW Crystal Current (A.P. Indy). Like Dream Supreme, second dam Spinning Round (Dixieland Band) was also a Ballerina winner. *B-Kinsman Farm (KY)*

9th-TOK, Hyacinth S.-Listed, ¥36,200,000 *($327k)*, 3yo, 1600m

MAKE HAPPY (f, 3, Square Eddie–Silar Rules, by Ten Most Wanted), a $650K purchase out of last year's Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale, won her first two starts by daylight--including the course-and-distance Cattleya Sho over the boys Nov. 24 (video, gate 14)--and exits a fourth in the Zennippon Nisai Yushun Dec. 19. Mirco Demuro takes over on the full-sister to GISW Ralis and MSW & GSP B Squared. *B-Reddam Racing LLC (CA)*

11th-TOK, February S.-G1, ¥190m *($1.7m)*, 4yo/up, 1600m

A pair of US-breds contest this first top-level race of the season, led by the progressive **COPANO KICKING (g, 4, Spring At Last--Celadon, by Gold Halo {Jpn})**, winner of seven from nine lifetime and a latest winner of Tokyo's 1400m G3 Negishi S. (video, gate 11). Nanako Fujita has the call on the the $19K KEESEP RNA turned $100K FTFMAR breezer, bred in Kentucky by Reiley McDonald. **MOANIN (h, 7, Henny Hughes--Giggly, by Distorted Humor)**, a $90K FTNAUG yearling and $335K OBSMAR juvenile, was beaten into fourth in the Negishi S., but set a track record of 1:34 when making the 2016 February S. his sixth win from his first seven career appearances. Moanin was bred in New York by Empire Equines.

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Apriority (Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds, $2,000
45 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, SNOWBALL, 7-2
$1,700 ESL MIX yrl

Atreides (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $6,500
102 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Turfway, Msw 6f, HALLELUJAH HAWK, 2-1
$1,700 KEE JAN yrl

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
228 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5fT, ROYAL ANGEL, 5-1
$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; $95,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl; $90,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Cameo Appearance (Majestic Warrior), Red River Farms, $1,500
21 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, HAVE NO FEAR, 5-1

Charm Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tweenhills Stud, $25,000
193 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Gulfstream, Aoc 1 1/16mT, EARLY TIME (Fr), 4-1

Clubhouse Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}), Harris Farms, $2,500
64 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 1m, MOON HOUSE, 7-5

Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
256 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, GOTTABEGOLDEN, 15-1

He's Had Enough (Tapit), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $5,000
139 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Turfway, Msw 6f, HOPPED UP, 4-1

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, $10,000
138 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Oaklawn, Msw 1m, DROP DEAD GORGEOUS, 6-1
$37,000 KEE NOV wnl; $40,000 KEE SEP yrl; $75,000 OBS APR 2yo
8-Penn National, Msw 6f, JENNEMILY, 8-1
8-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5fT, XENA MANDATE, 20-1

Sum of the Parts (Speightstown), Red River Farms, $2,000
29 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, ALOHA BETTY, 4-1
$24,000 OBS OCT yrl; $65,000 EQL 2YO 2yo

Willcox Inn (Harlan's Holiday), Saratoga Stud, $0
16 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Penn National, Msw 6f, LILAH MAE, 30-1
$4,500 EAS OCT yrl

ADDITIONAL RACING

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Oaklawn, $86,000, (S), 2-14, (NW13MX), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.43, ft.
HOONANI ROAD (g, 4, Jonesboro--Nana, by Father Steve) Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-0, $217,038. O-Jerry Caroom; B-Bobby Lee Hall (AR); T-Wayne M. Catalano.

8th-Oaklawn, $85,000, (NW4L)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 2-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.83, ft.
SHANGHAI TARIFF (f, 4, Shanghai Bobby--Star White {SP}, by Naevus) Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-1, $223,745. O-Doubledown Stables, Inc.; B-Rose Hill Farm (KY); T-James P. DiVito. *$100,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Starry Pursuit (Van Nistelrooy), SW, $194,685.

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8th-Fair Grounds, $42,000, Alw, 2-14, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.63, fm.
RISKY STEPS (g, 5, Teton Forest--Senorita Elena, by Spanish Steps) Lifetime Record: 20-3-4-3, $103,540. O/B-Paul D. Marceaux (LA); T-Paul Melancon.

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7th-Charles Town, $29,000, (S), 2-13, (NW16MX), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.88, ft.
MEAN BEAN (g, 7, Garnered--Distinctly Spring, by Distinctive Pro) Lifetime Record: 30-7-12-3, $179,489. O/T-Glenn N. Harrison; B-Jessica Loy (WV).

5th-Oaklawn, $27,000, Wcl (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($16,000-$20,000), 2-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.00, ft.
FABULOUS GIRL (m, 5, Maclean's Music--Lemon Drop Girl, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $26,968. O-Martin Brothers, Inc.; B-Dr. K. K. & Dr. V. Devi Jayaraman (KY); T-William N. Martin. *$20,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Fabulous Kid (Congrats), GSP, $383,777.

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6th-Charles Town, $24,000, 2-13, (NW2LX), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.82, ft.
CAMERON STREET (f, 4, Denis of Cork--Cruz Now, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-3, $82,948. O/T-John A. Casey; B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Ragatagtag, f, 3, **First Dude**--Elective, by Grand Slam. Oaklawn, 2-14, (C), 6f, 1:12.44. B-Adam & Suzette Parker (FL). *$4,000 RNA Ylg '17 OBSOCT. **1ST-TIME STARTER. ***1/2 to High Roller (High Cotton), SW, $117,319.
Boolicious, f, 3, **Ghostzapper**--Holy Academy, by Royal Academy. Santa Anita, 2-14, (S), (C), 7f, 1:25.19. B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA). *$55,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $125,000 2yo '18 BARAPR.
Aced, c, 4, **Eskendereya**--Celtic Chant (SW, $241,410), by Songandaprayer. Santa Anita, 2-14, (C), 6 1/2f (off turf), 1:15.86. B-Clarkland Farm (KY). *$65,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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Nippy Red, g, 4, **Redding Colliery**--Running Debate (SW, $178,199), by Open Forum. Delta Downs, 2-13, (S), 7f, 1:29.00. B-J. Adcock (LA). *$1,700 Wlg '15 ESLMIX; $14,000 Ylg '16 ESLYRL.
Tizona, r, 4, **Tiznow**--Battaleys, by Speightstown. Sam Houston Race, 2-13, 1mT, 1:37.46. B-Calumet Farm (KY).
Russian Wine, g, 4, **Vineyard Haven**--W W Red Square, by Street Cry (Ire). Gulfstream, 2-14, (C), 1m (off turf), 1:38.08. B-Dr. K. K. & Dr. V. Devi Jayaraman (FL).

Thursday Cancellations

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS
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DENIS OF CORK, Cameron Street, f, 4, o/o Cruz Now, by Tiznow. ALW, 2-13, Charles Town
ESKENDEREYA, Aced, c, 4, o/o Celtic Chant, by Songandaprayer. MCL, 2-14, Santa Anita
FED BIZ, Bump Bailey, c, 3, o/o One Hot Senorita, by Sharp Humor. MSW, 2-14, Santa Anita
FIRST DUDE, Ragatagtag, f, 3, o/o Elective, by Grand Slam. MCL, 2-14, Oaklawn
GARNERED, Mean Bean, g, 7, o/o Distinctly Spring, by Distinctive Pro. ALW, 2-13, Charles Town
GHOSTZAPPER, Boolicious, f, 3, o/o Holy Academy, by Royal Academy. MCL, 2-14, Santa Anita
JONESBORO, Hoonani Road, g, 4, o/o Nana, by Father Steve. ALW, 2-14, Oaklawn
MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Beautiful Ballad, f, 3, o/o Inner Groove, by Rock Hard Ten. AOC, 2-14, Fair Grounds
MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Fabulous Girl, m, 5, o/o Lemon Drop Girl, by Lemon Drop Kid. WCL, 2-14, Oaklawn
PAYNTER, A Bit of Both, f, 3, o/o Lizzie K, by High Fly. AOC, 2-14, Gulfstream
REDDING COLLIERY, Nippy Red, g, 4, o/o Running Debate, by Open Forum. MSW, 2-13, Delta Downs
SHANGHAI BOBBY, Shanghai Tariff, f, 4, o/o Star White, by Naevus. AOC, 2-14, Oaklawn
TETON FOREST, Risky Steps, g, 5, o/o Senorita Elena, by Spanish Steps. ALW, 2-14, Fair Grounds
TIZNOW, Tizona, r, 4, o/o Battaleys, by Speightstown. MSW, 2-13, Sam Houston
VINEYARD HAVEN, Russian Wine, g, 4, o/o W W Red Square, by Street Cry (Ire). MCL, 2-14, Gulfstream

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By Kelsey Riley

When Barbara Banke bought out partner Peter Leidel to take home Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy) for $7.5-million at Fasig-Tipton in November, she admitted she was considering stallions in both Europe and closer to home in Kentucky for her dual Royal Ascot and G1 Prix Morny winner.

The fact that Curlin was last month revealed as the G2 Queen Mary and G1 King's Stand S. winner's first mate shouldn't have come as a great surprise–not only did he also race in Stonestreet's red and gold silks, but he has shaped into one of America's very best sires. **Cont. p2**

BLUE ON POINT AT MEYDAN

By Kelsey Riley

Last year's G1 King's Stand S. winner **Blue Point** (Shamardal) towered above his G2 Meydan Sprint rivals on paper, and he ran to form on Thursday to win eased down by five lengths on seasonal debut. The 5-year-old will now target the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on Mar. 30. He was scratched behind the gate of that contest last year as the favourite after blood was discovered in his nostrils.

Rerouted to Hong Kong's G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize over six furlongs a month later, the 'TDN Rising Star' trailed home last of nine but he looked much more like himself back to five furlongs in the King's Stand in June, winning by 1 3/4 lengths from the highly regarded Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Back up to six for the July Cup, he was beaten 4 3/4 lengths in seventh and was 2 1/4 lengths off the near dead heat of Alpha Delphini (GB) (Captain Gerrard {Ire}) and Mabs Cross (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) when third when last seen in the G1 Nunthorpe S. in August.

Sitting back in third on Thursday as **Faatinah (Aus)** (Nicconi {Aus})–his closest-rated rival and the winner of a handicap over this track and trip on Jan. 3–set the pace, Blue Point responded when given a shake of the reins by William Buick at the 300-meter mark. He swiftly overtook that rival and was being eased by the time he hit the wire. The winning time of :56.52 was the fastest for the course and distance thus far at this year's carnival. **Cont. p7**

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BRIDGING THE GAP by Kelsey Riley

Curlin's Turf Frontier Cont. from p1

On the surface the mating looks like a cross between a middle-distance dirt sire and a turf sprint specialist. On closer inspection, however, the pedigrees and performances of both Lady Aurelia and Curlin bring plenty more to the table.

Everyone remembers Lady Aurelia's demolition displays at Royal Ascot in 2016 and 2017. Fewer probably recall that, prior to winning the Queen Mary by seven lengths, Lady Aurelia won on debut at Keeneland on the dirt by 7 1/2 lengths, becoming a 'TDN Rising Star'.

Lady Aurelia's dam, D'Wildcat Speed (Forest Wildcat), was Horse of the Year in Puerto Rico and won seven stakes on the dirt on the island before being sent to the mainland, where she won Gulfstream Park's 1 1/8-mile GII Rampart S. on the dirt by six lengths. D'Wildcat Speed won at up to 1 3/16 miles (and as little as six furlongs, on three occasions), but interestingly none of her five progeny to race has won beyond seven furlongs–rarely, however, have they been tried. From those five, Lady Aurelia aside, two others did their best running on dirt (including the stakes-placed Titletown Five), one on the turf and one on the all-weather.

Sprinting is a trait of broodmare sire Forest Wildcat, who never raced beyond six furlongs and sired mostly sprinters.

There are thus far just two foals of racing age by Curlin out of Scat Daddy mares and one winner, but the cross of Curlin over Scat Daddy's grandsire Hennessy has produced a stakes winner. Daughters of Hennessy's sire Storm Cat have produced five stakes winners when bred to Curlin, and Storm Cat-line stallions that are broodmare sires to Curlin stakes winners include Giant's Causeway, Stormy Atlantic and Tale of the Cat.

As I write this, Curlin, a son of the versatile sire Smart Strike out of a Deputy Minister mare, is coming off a big weekend led by new stakes-winning 3-year-old filly Point of Honor and new 'TDN Rising Star' Global Campaign, who led home a trifecta by his sire at Gulfstream. Curlin's newly turned 3-year-olds are hitting the ground running, and the intriguing thing is that this is his last crop bred at a five-figure fee. His 3-year-olds of 2019, conceived in 2015, were bred at $35,000, his second-lowest fee since he retired to stud 10 years ago. Curlin went on to have an outstanding year on the track in 2015, his headliners including champion 3-year-old filly Stellar Wind, GI Travers S. winner Keen Ice, dual Grade I-winning filly Curalina and graded-winning 2-year-olds Exaggerator and Off the Tracks–the former would go on to win the GI Preakness S. the following year.

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John Berry examines the burgeoning stallion career of **Dundeel (NZ)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.**

Bridging the Gap Curlin's Turf Frontier Cont.

In the fall of 2015, John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farms and partners purchased 20% of Curlin for $6.2 million as part of the asset liquidation of his former part owner, the embattled Midnight Cry Stables, and he was relocated from Lane's End Farm to Hill 'n' Dale for 2016 and given a fee hike to $100,000. Banke owns the other 80% of Curlin.

Curlin's stock has only continued to rise since his relocation. Stellar Wind added five more Grade Is before selling to Coolmore for $6 million at Keeneland November; Exaggerator won the Preakness, Off the Tracks won the GI Mother Goose S., Good Magic was the 2017 champion 2-year-old and won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and GI Haskell, and Connect won the GI Cigar Mile. His fee climbed to $150,000 in 2017 and 2018 and is set at a career-high $175,000 this year.

Stonestreet has staunchly supported Curlin from the start, and has been rewarded as the breeder or co-breeder of Good Magic and Stellar Wind, among others, while Sikura has now thrown his weight behind the horse.

"His books have been tremendous," said Hill 'n' Dale General Manager Jared Burdine. "Since Curlin came to Hill 'n' Dale, we have supported him heavily with our top families and mares. Stonestreet has continued their strong support with their world-class broodmare band and most of the top breeders in the world have sent mares to him. His books have been a who's-who of broodmares filled with high-class race mares and producers."

Lady Aurelia before selling at Fasig-Tipton in November for $7.5-million | *racingfotos.com*

In the last three years Curlin's books have included the 11-time Grade I winner and multiple champion Beholder (Henny Hughes); GI Queen Anne S. winner Tepin (Bernstein), bought by Coolmore at Fasig-Tipton for $8 million; and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner and champion Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway). **Cont. p4**

Bridging the Gap Curlin's Turf Frontier Cont.

Also on the two-time Horse of the Year's dance card the past three years are: Grade I-winning sprinters Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie), Judy The Beauty (Ghostzapper) and Taris (Flatter); GI Acorn S. winner Carina Mia (Malibu Moon), GI Kentucky Oaks winner Blind Luck (Pollard's Vision) and GI Belmont S. winner Rags To Riches (A.P. Indy). The dams of champions Drefong (Gio Ponti), Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky) and Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), GI Kentucky Derby winners Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) and Super Saver (Maria's Mon) and Grade I winner Honor Code (A.P. Indy) have visited Curlin at Hill 'n' Dale, and he was selected as the mate this year for Stage Magic (Ghostzapper), the dam of Triple Crown winner Justify (Scat Daddy). The dams of Exaggerator and Good Magic have also returned to Curlin.

Click for TDN video footage of Curlin at Hill 'n' Dale

Burdine said that of 10 select 2-year-olds retained to race by Hill 'n' Dale this year, eight are from that first $100,000 crop by Curlin.

"[Bloodstock agent] Donato Lanni, along with other astute horsemen, tell me great things about their early training," he said. "We keep a fairly small racing stable and I believe of the 10 2-year-olds we retained to race, eight are Curlins. All are great physicals from top families so there is lots be excited about for Curlin in the near future."

Burdine pointed out that Curlin is currently the leading sire in the U.S. by average earnings index, and he and Ghostzapper are the only sires with an AEI above two that have an AEI higher than their comparable index, meaning they are high-class sires that are still improving the good mares.

"He's a horse you have to have in your plans if you want a dirt, Saturday afternoon horse," Burdine said. **Cont. p5**

Bridging the Gap Curlin's Turf Frontier Cont.

He added, "He's leading by average earnings index and second place is War Front and Tapit. He improves the great mares, too; he and Ghostzapper are the only sires that have a comparable index over two, but their average earnings index is also higher than their comparable index. There are a lot of horses that improve the mediocre mares, but he's improving even the high-class mares."

Curlin has clearly established himself as a top middle-distance dirt sire, and that would have been no surprise from the outset given that his seven Grade I wins over two seasons included the Preakness, Breeders' Cup Classic and Dubai World Cup. Despite an outstanding body of work that for a period gave him the title of America's richest racehorse, there is still a sense of what could have been: Curlin was only tried on the turf once, during the summer of his 4-year-old campaign, when he was second to GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner Red Rocks (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the GI Man O'War S., with another Breeders' Cup Turf winner, Better Talk Now (Talkin Man) back in third. His own sire, Smart Strike, proved almost equally adept at siring dirt and turf horses, with 75 stakes winners on the dirt and 69 on the turf. Smart Strike's top performer on the turf, six-time Grade I winner English Channel, has gone on to be an important turf influence that has also sired dirt Grade I winners, and other sons of Smart Strike to sire stakes winners on the turf include the champion 2-year-old and GI Preakness S. winner Lookin At Lucky and GI Breeders' Futurity winner Square Eddie.

While Curlin's progeny success has heavily trended towards the dirt–45 stakes winners–rather than the turf, with nine stakes winners on the grass–there is evidence in his runners and books to believe he could follow his sire and sireline into becoming prolific on both surfaces. His nine turf stakes winners include the G2 Hollywood Turf Cup winner Texas Ryano and the G2 John C. Mabee S. winner Moulin de Mougin. Diversy Harbor won the G2 Buena Vista S. and was second in the GI American Oaks before she was fatally injured during her 4-year-old campaign. Curlin's three stakes winners on the turf in 2018 were headed by Current, a $725,000 yearling who won the G3 Bourbon S.

In addition to world-class turf mares Lady Aurelia and Tepin, the well-bred Galileo's Song (Galileo {Ire}), twice graded-placed on the turf, was sold for $1 million to Shimokobe Farm in foal to Curlin at Keeneland November last year, and Marketing Mix (Medaglia d'Oro), a dual Grade I winner and millionaire on the turf, is set to visit Curlin this year.

"Classic distance races on dirt may be Curlin's strong suit, but his sire line is very versatile and lends itself to believe that a top turf horse by Curlin is possible," said Burdine. **Cont. p6**

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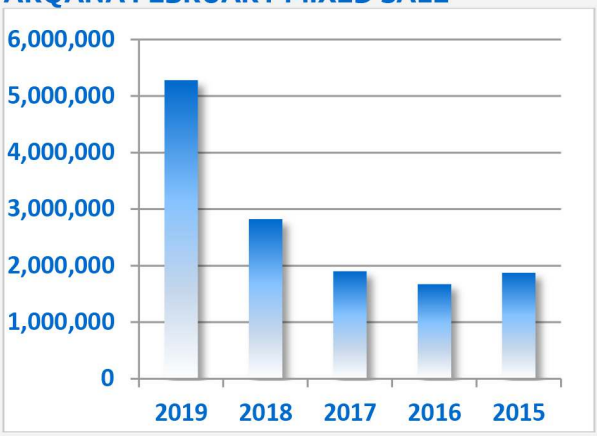
ARQANA FEBRUARY MIXED SALE



"Arqana's December Sale had fared quite well in a difficult market last year, and that strength carried over to its February Sale this week. The record-breaking returns posted in Deauville were no doubt fueled by two high-profile dispersals, but another positive to be taken is that there seemed to be a wide spread of buyers–nine different purchasers for the top 10 lots and 17 for the top 20."
- Kelsey Riley

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2019	497	420	354	15.50%	84.28%	71.22%	€ 5,282,500	€ 14,922
2018	411	350	286	14.84%	81.71%	69.58%	€ 2,824,800	€ 9,877
2017	300	259	197	13.66%	76.06%	65.66%	€ 1,904,900	€ 9,670
2016	325	284	228	12.61%	80.28%	70.15%	€ 1,676,800	€ 7,354
2015	385	336	246	12.72%	73.21%	63.89%	€ 1,877,400	€ 7,632

Bridging the Gap Curlin's Turf Frontier Cont.

"He's Grade I-placed on the turf too, and was beaten only by the Breeders' Cup Turf winner in his only try on the turf. We've bred a couple nice turf mares to him the last few years that we think will suit him well, so that's the next frontier to conquer with him and we think he can do that. His bread and butter will be the dirt, but there's no reason to think he couldn't produce a phenomenal turf horse, too."

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WATERSHIP DOWN TO SPONSOR GREENHAM

The G3 Greenham S. at Newbury will now be sponsored by Lord and Lady Lloyd-Webber's Watership Down Stud for the next three years, the racecourse announced on Thursday. Scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 13, the G3 Watership Down Stud Greenham S. is part of the Dubai Duty Free Spring Trials Weekend and will now be worth £70,000. G1 Dewhurst S. hero and 'TDN Rising Star' Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), bred by the Lloyd-Webbers' Watership Down Stud and owned by Lord Lloyd-Webber, is pointing to the Greenham as his 3-year-old opener.

Too Darn Hot and Lord and Lady Lloyd-Webber | *Racing Post*

"We are delighted to be involved with a new sponsorship at Newbury Racecourse which will see the first running of the Watership Down Stud Greenham S.," said Watership Down Stud General Manager Simon Marsh. "It is also a wonderful coincidence to have the promising Too Darn Hot as a potential contender for the race. The Lloyd Webbers have such a close association with this racecourse and are big supporters of the industry which makes this partnership even more meaningful."

"We are delighted and grateful that Watership Down Stud has come on board to sponsor the Greenham S.," added Newbury Racecourse Chief Executive Julian Thick.

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BRITISH EBF MAINTAINS RECORD INVESTMENT IN 2018

The British European Breeders' Fund maintained its record investment at £1.6 million in 2018, the EBF announced on Thursday. Over 660 Flat and 85 National Hunt races were covered in 2018, as the British EBF supported several projects under both codes like the mares' only novice chase, hurdle, and NH Flat race programmes and a series of high-value fillies' handicaps and races for staying-bred juveniles on the flat.

"First and foremost, the trustees of the British EBF are again grateful to the British Stallion owners that have voluntarily contributed to the EBF fund," said British EBF Chariman Philip Mitchell. "To that end we have started to make some small changes to the fillies' handicap programme and have worked with the industry's Racing Group and the BHA to re-establish our coverage of 2-year-old races with EBF conditions. The juvenile programme is the EBF's bread and butter and we are working to ensure that the stability of the fund is ensured for future generations by re-focusing a larger proportion of the fund back in to 2-year-old races."

The British EBF 2018 review also detailed new official group partnerships with both The Jockey Club and ARC, as well as how the British EBF is now supporting Racing to School among other initiatives.

"Establishing partnerships and associations within in the industry helps us promote to racecourses, owners and trainers the importance of the EBF as a much-needed prize money funding mechanism," said British EBF Marketing and Communications Manager Rachael Gowland. "Many stallion studs sponsor races in their own right as well as indirectly through the EBF, it is important that the people benefitting from that support are aware of the mechanism and those providing the investment understand and are confident in how we are using it."

Added British EBF General Manager Cheryl Caves, "Early indications show that the strength of the stallion market in Great Britain may allow us to make a small increase to our investment for the 2019 Flat season and to our National Hunt expenditure for the 2019/ 2020 season."

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:
5th-Chelmsford City, £6,569, Cond, 2-14, 4yo/up, 13f 66y (AWT), 2:52.61, st.
CROESO CYMRAEG (GB) (g, 5, Dick Turpin {Ire}--Croeso Cusan {GB}, by Diktat {GB}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, $9,020. O-Richard Evans Bloodstock; B-Richard Evans (GB); T-James Evans. *£4,000 RNA Ylg '15 GOUKSI.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Irish Times (GB), g, 4, **Swiss Spirit (GB)**--Amouage Royale (Ire), by Mr. Greeley. Chelmsford City, 2-14, 8f (AWT), 1:38.76. B-Shortgrove Manor Stud (GB). *10,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; £6,000 Ylg '16 GOUKSI.

SIX FIXTURES ADDED TO FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Six additional fixtures, two Flat floodlit cards and four Jump fixtures, have been added between Feb. 20-28, the British Horseracing Authority announced on Thursday. The fixtures are as follows:

- Chelmsford City--Wednesday, Feb. 20
- Wolverhampton--Thursday, Feb. 21
- Catterick--Friday, Feb. 22
- Uttoxeter--Monday, Feb. 25
- Ffos Las--Tuesday, Feb. 26
- Musselburgh--Thursday, Feb. 28

The entry and declaration process will be as normal, with more information found at www2.racingadmin.co.uk. The BHA has also lifted the restriction on races dividing for all races through the end of February.

"Given the extraordinary circumstances of recent days we were acutely aware of the number of horses that will be needing to run next week throughout all levels of the horse population," said BHA Head of Racing Paul Johnson. "As such, we have moved as quickly as possible to add six fixtures next week across both codes. Race programmes at these fixtures are being finalised but will reflect feedback from trainers received in recent days and weeks. Coupled with increased flexibility on divisions at many racecourses, the aim is very much to ensure that suitable opportunities exist for those horses that need them. Our thanks go to the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the racecourses involved for their help in staging these fixtures so quickly."

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RACETECH EXPANDS STAFF

RaceTech, racing's specialist technical facilities provider, has created almost 20 new positions. They range from graduate trainee positions to management roles, with the majority within the outside broadcast sector and spread between the company's Raynes Park headquarers and regional bases at Newcastle, Warwick and York.

"We are delighted to be able to create these new roles and in particular to be able to provide career opportunities for young people to join the racing industry," said RaceTech CEO John Bozza. "RaceTech's daily operations cover a wide range of broadcast and technical solutions at locations right across the United Kingdom, and in a variety of environments. Our dedicated teams throughout the UK have the additional satisfaction of knowing that they are helping to keep British racing at the forefront of technological development."

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN QATAR:
Almigdam (Ire), c, 4, **Footstepsinthesand (GB)**--Know (Ire), by Excellent Art (GB). Al Rayyan, 2-14, Hcp., 1700m, 1:50.10. B-Alex Frost & Harry Fowler. *€22,000 Ylg 16 TISEP. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

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"He's a nice horse, this fellow," said trainer Charlie Appleby. "Not having been fully tuned up, he ran well. This horse is going to come forward and come into his own this year. He's a 5-year-old now and he's a professional. William asked him to pick up and he ran a professional race. After this is the Al Quoz. He's not overly exposed, really. Last year, he wasn't over-raced. It's going to be a fun season for him."

Pedigree Notes

Blue Point is the sixth produce of the Royal Applause (GB) mare Scarlett Rose (GB), whose previous best was Formosina (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), who won the G2 Railway S. and was second in the G2 Mill Reef S. at two.

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Blue Point | *DRC/Erika Rasmussen*

G2 Meydan Sprint Cont.

Scarlett Rose didn't have much luck in the immediate aftermath of producing Blue Point, coming up barren the following two years, and her latest progeny are a 2-year-old colt by Night of Thunder (Ire) named Desert Destination (Ire) and a yearling filly by Invincible Spirit. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai
MEYDAN SPRINT (SPONSORED BY GULF NEWS)-G2, $250,000, Meydan, 2-14, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1000mT, :56.52, gd.

1--**BLUE POINT (IRE), 126, h, 5, by Shamardal**
1st Dam: Scarlett Rose (GB), by Royal Applause (GB)
2nd Dam: Billie Blue (GB), by Ballad Rock (Ire)
3rd Dam: Blue Nose (Ire), by Windjammer
'TDN Rising Star' (110,000gns wnl '14 TATNOV; 200,000gns yrl '15 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Oak Lodge Bloodstock (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. $150,000. Lifetime Record: 16-7-3-3, $1,169,210. *1/2 to Formosina (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), GSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, $185,830. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++. *Triple Plus*.**

2--**Faatinah (Aus)**, 126, g, 6, Nicconi (Aus)--Alqwah (Ire), by Danehill. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Stud Australasia Ltd (AUS); T-David Hayes. $50,000.

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3--**Portamento (Ire)**, 126, h, 7, Shamardal--Octave, by Unbridled's Song. O-Mohammed Khalifa Al Basti; B-Darley (IRE); T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi. $25,000.

Margins: 5, 2, 4HF. Also Ran: Mujaafy (Aus), Rebel Streak (GB), Johann Strauss (GB). Scratched: Roussel (Ire). **Click for the Emirates Racing chart. VIDEO.**

POETIC CHARM BACKS UP IN BALANCHINE

By Kelsey Riley

Teofilo (Ire)'s half-sister **Poetic Charm (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) made it two-for-two in group races on the season with another comfortable victory in Thursday's G2 Balanchine S. at Meydan for trainer Charlie Appleby.

Tucking in behind runners from the outside gate, Poetic Charm and William Buick bided their time in behind runners while **Monza (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) and **Asoof (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) contested the pace. Swinging wide for running room turning for home, Poetic Charm charged to the lead under a drive and never looked in doubt down the stretch. **Mia Tesoro (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) followed her run but was clearly second best, while **Peri Lina (Tur)** (Falco), who had caused plenty of drama in the gates pre-race, also rallied late to grab third.

The 4-year-old filly could just be hitting career-best form; she showed promise at two, winning two of three outings, but failed to fully live up to her pedigree last season, her best effort from six starts being a listed win in France, while she also picked up a placing in Deauville's G3 Prix de Lieurey. She was making her seasonal debut when she won Meydan's G2 Cape Verdi S. by four lengths on Jan. 17 and was stepping up another furlong on Thursday.

"It was one of those strappy little fields and the worst thing you can do in those races is to not give the opposition the respect, so we gave them the respect and knew we had to get everything right at our end and that she could produce what she did there," said Buick. "It is lovely and she relaxes so nicely now, the extra furlong was not a problem for her. She has just opened up a few more opportunities for herself. She proved last time that she is a quality filly that she really fills herself up for the race. She has a great finishing kick. The combination of being drawn six of six and an extra furlong, it was important to get the first furlong right and then take it from there. She has won two Group 2s now, so she will be looking for the elusive Group 1."

Pedigree Notes

Now that she has recorded two rapid-fire group races wins of her own, Poetic Charm can be known as more than just Teofilo's little sister, but that family element will no doubt make her all the more valuable going forward. She is also a full-sister to the G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial winner Bean Feasa (GB).

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Poetic Charm | *DRC/Erika Rasmussen*

G2 Balanchine Cont.

The dam Speirbhean (Ire) (Danehill), who herself enjoyed a career high in that same Classic trial, is a daughter of multiple Canadian champion Victorian Queen (Victoria Park) and a half-sister to Grade I winners Judge Angelucci (Honest Pleasure), War (Majestic Light) and Peace (Naskra). Speirbhean, now 21, produced a Dark Angel (Ire) colt last year and was covered by Dubawi (Ire) last spring. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

BALANCHINE (SPONSORED BY gulfnews.com)-G2, $250,000, Meydan, 2-14, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, f/m, 1800mT, 1:49.60, gd.

1--**POETIC CHARM (GB), 129, f, 4, by Dubawi (Ire)**
1st Dam: Speirbhean (Ire) (GSW-Ire), by Danehill
2nd Dam: Saviour, by Majestic Light
3rd Dam: Victorian Queen, by Victoria Park
O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. $150,000. Lifetime Record: 11-6-1-0, $394,202. *Full to Bean Feasa (GB), GSW-Ire; 1/2 to Teofilo (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Ch. 2yo Colt-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ire & Eng, G1SW-Ire & Eng, $382,066. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A.**

2--**Mia Tesoro (Ire)**, 126, m, 6, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Souter's Sister (Ire), by Desert Style (Ire). O/B-Deron Pearson (IRE); T-Charlie Fellowes. $50,000.

3--**Peri Lina (Tur)**, 126, f, 4, Falco--Efisia (Fr), by Efisio (GB). O/B-Fedai Kahraman (TUR); T-Hasan Boyraz. $20,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3/4, 2HF. Also Ran: Asoof (GB), Furia Cruzada (Chi), Monza (Ire). **Click for the Emirates Racing chart. VIDEO.**

MUNTAZAH ROMPS IN FIREBREAK

by Heather Anderson

Shadwell representative **Muntazah (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) atoned for a runner-up performance to **Heavy Metal (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) in last year's G2 Godolphin Mile with a dominant 4 1/2-length win in the 1600-metre G3 Firebreak S. at Meydan on Thursday. Jan. 25 G3 Jebel Ali Mile hero **Secret Ambition (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) outfinished Heavy Metal by 3 1/4 lengths for second. It marked the first win in the race for trainer Doug Watson and jockey Jim Crowley.

Heavy Metal jumped straight to the lead, but **Behavioral Bias** (Shackleford) harried from second, with Muntazah in third while caught three wide heading into the far turn. Behavioral Bias dropped back 700 metres from home and Muntazah drew even with the pacesetter and began to forge ahead through three-quarters in 1:11.52. He crossed the line with his ears pricked as Secret Ambition, rallying strongly from off the pace, got the best of a tiring Heavy Metal.

"I thought he was a bit unlucky in the [G2] Godolphin Mile (last March, when second to Heavy Metal) and that was his first time on dirt," said pilot Jim Crowley. "Obviously, the Dubawis love [the dirt]. We went quick, as you would expect and I'd like to think there is a bit more to come from him, as well. He is versatile. Although he is a big horse, he jumps well from the gate and he is quick into his stride. Horses like Heavy Metal were going a fair nick and I was traveling easily on the side. He feels a better horse than 12 months ago."

Muntazah | *Erika Rasmussen/DRC*

"We thought he was in great shape last week and we really wanted to try him over the 1900m [of the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2], but he couldn't," said trainer Doug Watson, who also saddled the fourth-place Kimbear (Temple City)."

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G3 Firebreak S.

"He has come back and done that well. It was a tough race. He had to sit three-wide the whole way and picked up nicely when he went by [Heavy Metal]. He's in great shape and last year he got better at around this time and that showed it right there. I'm not sure what happened to Kimbear."

Third in the G2 Royal Lodge S. back in 2015, Muntazah was introduced to Meydan in 2018, and won the Listed HH the President Cup at Abu Dhabi last March over 1400 metres. He was a solid second in the G2 Godolphin Mile locally on Dubai World Cup night and was not heard from again that season. Off the board in the Dec. 9 Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan National Day Cup at Abu Dhabi, the gelding was a much improved third in the Jan. 10 G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 behind North America (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Kimbear (Temple City) last out.

Pedigree Notes...

A half-brother to the G3 City Of York S. hero Talaayeb (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and listed winner Wadilsafa (GB) (Frankel {GB}), Muntazah also has a 3-year-old full-sister named Ojooba (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), a juvenile half-sister by Dansili (GB) and a yearling half-brother by Frankel (GB). Second in the G1 Epsom Oaks, Rumoush counts G1 English 1000 Guineas heroine Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway) as a half-sister, and GSW and G1 Champion S. bridesmaid and sire Mawatheeq (Danzig) is another half-sibling. His third dam is the wonderful blue hen, English champion juvenile filly and MGSW Height of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino {GB}). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai
FIREBREAK S. (SPONSORED BY REACH BY GULF NEWS)-G3, $200,000, Meydan, 2-14, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m, 1:38.21, ft.

1--**MUNTAZAH (GB), 126, g, 6, by Dubawi (Ire)**
1st Dam: Rumoush (GSP-Fr, SW & G1SP-Eng, $147,212), by Rahy
2nd Dam: Sarayir, by Mr. Prospector
3rd Dam: Height of Fashion (Fr), by Bustino (GB)
1ST GROUP WIN. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Doug Watson; J-Jim Crowley. $120,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 18-3-2-3, $467,294. *1/2 to Talaayeb (GB) (Dansili {GB}), GSW-Eng, $172,849; and Wadilsafa (GB) (Frankel {GB}), SW-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Secret Ambition (GB)**, 128, h, 6, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Inner Secret, by Singspiel (Ire). O-Nasir Askar; B-Darley (GB); T-Satish Seemar. $40,000.

3--**Heavy Metal (GB)**, 126, g, 9, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Rock Opera (SAf), by Lecture. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (GB); T-Sandeep Jadhav. $20,000.

Margins: 4HF, 3 1/4, 1 1/4.
Also Ran: Kimbear, Behavioral Bias, Janoobi (SAf), Silent Attack (GB). **Click for the DRC chart or the DRC video.**

ARQANA TO CONDUCT ARGENTINEAN SALE

Arqana will on Mar. 21 partner with leading Argentinean breeders Haras Abolengo and Haras Vacacion to host their annual yearling sale at San Isidro Racecourse.

The sale will comprise 91 yearlings, 11 of which are siblings to Group 1 winners and five that are out of Group 1 winners. Fifty-six are by Argentina's four leading sires: Roman Ruler, whose final crop of yearlings will be offered; Equal Stripes (Arg), Hurricane Cat and Orpen.

Arqana's Freddy Powell and Mathieu Legars | *Zuzanna Lupa*

Haras Abolengo, which stands Equal Stripes, is the breeder of Argentinean and American Grade I winner and leading sire Candy Ride (Arg) as well as international Grade/Group 1 winners like Vale Dori (Arg), Empress Club (Arg), Emerald Beauty (Arg) and Bambina Stripes (Arg). The stud also bred Si Que Es Buena (Arg) (Equal Stripes {Arg}), winner of the GIII La Prevoyante S. on Pegasus World Cup day at Gulfstream Park.

Haras Vacacion raised the Breeders' Cup winner and Eclipse champion Paseana (Arg), as well as Argentinean champions like Caldine (Arg), Cursora (Arg) and Balada Sale (Arg).

Pablo Zavaleta of Haras Vacacion said, "The main objective here is to get some international actors to know Argentinean racing and breeding better. We have quality stock from families who proved themselves internationally and the expertise of Arqana on the international market will certainly help us to get this event known globally." **Cont. p11**

Arqana to Conduct Argentinean Sale Cont.

Freddy Powell, executive director of Arqana, said, "I have been going to Argentina for years now and I couldn't be more impressed by the quality of the breeding and horsemanship in this country. The racing world is facing many new challenges including the emergence of new countries, sanitary barriers in other places, more global quest for top-quality stock--and the South American continent might be the answer to a lot of these new requirements."

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DUBAI

Thursday's Results:

6th-Meydan, €135,000, Cond, 2-14, NH4yo & SH3yo, 1200m, 1:11.98, ft.

LAVASPIN (GB) (g, 5, Hard Spun--Belenkaya, by Giant's Causeway) was making it three victories on the bounce this season when grinding out a hard-fought win here. The gelding had broken his maiden at Jebel Ali at third asking last March, and was making his carnival debut off a pair of wins over this track and trip at Meydan in November. Hustled to the lead by Richie Mullen, Lavaspin enjoyed an ideal trip while setting the pace on the rail. He had the American Grade III winner Switzerland (Speightstown) nagging at him all the while, and when they turned for home it was that rival that he had to fend off. Switzerland proved pesky until the final furlong, but Lavaspin at last put some distance on that rival, hitting the wire two lengths to the good. Lavaspin's second dam is the GI Ashland S. winner Rings A Chime (Metfield), in turn the dam of the GI Alcibiades and GI Hollywood Starlet S. winner Country Star (Empire Maker). Belenkaya has an unnamed 2-year-old filly by Dubawi (Ire) and a yearling colt by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, $156,741. **Click for the Emirates Racing chart. VIDEO.**

O-Mohammed Khaleel Ahmed; B-Darley (GB); T-Satish Seemar.

4th-Meydan, €100,000, Cond, 2-14, NH3yo & SH3yo, 1900mT, 1:56.74, gd.

ART DU VAL (GB) (c, 3, No Nay Never--Aquarelle Rare {GB}, by Rainbow Quest) won a 1400-metre novice race at Sandown last August and was second in the Listed Prix Isonomy at Deauville on Oct. 24 to end his year. Resuming locally Thursday, the bay was a touch headstrong and tugged his way up to fourth on the backstretch. Settling to his task after five furlongs in 1:00.53, he bid for the lead three furlongs out, swooped three deep to the head of affairs 350 metres from the line and drew clear to win by an authoritative four lengths. Bila Shak (Scat Daddy) was second, a neck to the good of Trolius (Cape Cross {Ire}). "That was only his third career start and in the biggest field he has encountered, so it was a good performance," pilot William Buick said. "He has travelled nicely throughout and then quickened in style when I asked him. Once I managed to relax him, after about a furlong, I was always happy and he stayed the trip nicely but he has enough pace to drop in trip if we wanted." Appleby added, "He is an improving 3-year-old and William was impressed with him there. We liked him last year and he did well to win his debut before going to France, when a good second in a listed race. Hopefully there is more to come from him, because he is still learning and hopefully progressing." Art du Vall is the best progeny to date of his winning dam. One of four winners for Aquarelle Rare, herself a half-sister to SW and G1 Prix Jean Romanet second Ame Bleue (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the sophomore colt is followed by a yearling filly by Gleneagles (Ire). Second dam is French and English highweight Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill), a winner of three Group 1 races, as well as a full-sister to MGISW Artiste Royal (Ire) (Danehill). Sales history: 120,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $80,049. **Click for the DRC chart or the DRC video.**

O-Godolphin; B-D J & Mrs Deer (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

Art du Val | *Erika Rasmussen/DRC*

CONDITION RESULT:

7th-Meydan, €175,000, Cond, 2-14, NH4yo & SH3yo, 2410mT, 2:29.32, gd.

MOUNTAIN HUNTER (g, 5, Lonhro {Aus}--Tamarillo {Aus}, by Daylami {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, $231,420.

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (KY); T-Saeed bin Suroor. *1/2 to Summer Fete (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), GSW-Eng, $125,102.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:30 p.m.

QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP-G1, HK$10,000,000 *(£996,186/€1,127,542/A$1,794,443/US$1,274,443)*, 3yo/up, 1400mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road to Rock (Aus)	Purton	Moore	126
2	1	Beat the Clock (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
3	2	Seasons Bloom (Aus)	Captain Sonador (Aus)	Sanna	Shum	126
4	3	Beauty Only (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Callan	Cruz	126
5	7	Conte (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Moore	Size	126
6	9	Fifty Fifty (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Teetan	Ho	126
7	10	Little Giant (NZ)	Swiss Ace (Aus)	Ho	Hall	126
8	4	Winner's Way (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	de Sousa	Cruz	126
9	6	Pingwu Spark (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Bowman	Yung	126
10	5	Rattan (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Schofield	Gibson	126

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:05 p.m.

CITI HONG KONG GOLD CUP-G1, HK$10,000,000 *(£996,186/€1,127,542/A$1,794,443/US$1,274,443)*, 3yo/up, 2000mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Cruz	126
2	11	Pakistan Star (Ger)	Shamardal	Berry	Cruz	126
3	10	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Ho	Cruz	126
4	5	Glorious Forever (GB)	Archipenko	de Sousa	Lor	126
5	4	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not a Single Doubt (Aus)	Schofield	Fownes	126
6	7	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	Bowman	Moore	126
7	6	Singapore Sling (SAf)	Philanthropist	van Niekerk	Millard	126
8	1	Gold Mount (GB)	Excellent Art (GB)	Moore	Gibson	126
9	3	Northern Superstar (SAf)	Count Dubois (GB)	Teetan	Millard	126
10	8	Simply Brilliant (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Badel	Lor	126
11	2	Dinozzo (Ire)	Lilbourne Lad (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 5:15 p.m.

HONG KONG CLASSIC CUP-LR, HK$10,000,000 *(£996,186/€1,127,542/A$1,794,443/US$1,274,443)*, NH/SH4yo, 1800mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Dark Dream (Aus)	All American (Aus)	Purton	Lor	126
2	12	Furore (NZ)	Pierro (Aus)	Bowman	Lor	126
3	6	Red Warrior (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126
4	8	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Ho	Cruz	126
5	10	Mission Tycoon (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Leung	Lor	126
6	1	Easy Go East Win (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Berry	Moore	126
7	11	Harmony Victory (Brz)	Public Purse	Badel	Shum	126
8	3	Mr So and So (Aus)	So You Think (NZ)	Moore	Size	126
9	13	Solar Patch (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Oliver	Moore	126
10	7	Ho Ho Khan (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	de Sousa	Hall	126
11	2	Gold Chest	War Front	Chadwick	Gibson	126
12	4	Helene Leadingstar (Aus)	Wanted (Aus)	Teetan	Cruz	126
13	14	Sunny Speed (GB)	Havana Gold (Ire)	Rispoli	Mooore	126
14	9	Green Luck (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Schofield	Fownes	126
S1		Classic Beauty (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	No Rider	Moore	126
S2		Kings Shield	Scat Daddy	No Rider	Lor	126

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DUNDEEL: OFF TO A BRIGHT START DOWN UNDER

Dundeel | *Bronwen Healy*

by John Berry

The Lexus Melbourne Cup has been merely one of many races in recent years to highlight the paucity of high-class stamina among the ranks of Australasian Thoroughbreds. Under the circumstances, stallions who can regularly produce stock who show both speed and stamina are worth their weight in gold to the breeding industry on both sides of the Tasman. Understandably, several sons of Sadler's Wells (USA) took high order among the ranks of sires of stayers in recent decades, including Scenic (Ire). Two, though, stood out. High Chaparral (Ire) and Montjeu (Ire) were not just among their father's very best sons, but they became rock-solid pillars of antipodean breeding before dying young. Happily, each has left several good stallions to carry on the good work. It's early days yet, but High Chaparral's six-time Group 1-winning son **Dundeel (NZ)** might end up the most influential of them all.

High Chaparral, who spent his early Southern-Hemisphere seasons at Windsor Park Stud in New Zealand and his final ones at Coolmore in New South Wales, was responsible for 15 individual Group 1 winners in Australasia, a dozen of whom registered top-level victories at 2000m or more. Additionally, he sired Enaad, an Australian-bred Group 1 winner at 3200m in South Africa. All that, of course, is in addition to his significant Group 1 success in Europe with the likes of Free Eagle (Ire) and Toronado (Ire). With most stallions, a six-time Group 1 winner would head their roll of progeny but with High Chaparral the list was topped by a very special horse: the mighty So You Think (NZ) who won five Group 1 races in Australia followed by five more in the British Isles. So You Think has already shown himself to be a very good stallion. Now Dundeel is following suit.

The age-old formula to breed a Derby contender is to send an Oaks winner to a Derby winner. The downside, of course, is that this doesn't usually work. Even so, it's still a good starting point. Dundeel didn't quite fit the bill, but he nearly did. High Chaparral won both the G1 Derby and the G1 Irish Derby before starting his superb stud career, while Dundeel's granddam Staring (NZ) (Fiesta Star) won the G1 NZ Oaks. Furthermore, his unraced dam Stareel (NZ) was by a perfect stallion to throw into the mix: Zabeel (NZ) (Sir Tristram {Ire}), the sire of four Derby winners in Sydney, three in New Zealand and one in Melbourne.

Dundeel's breeders Murray and Jo Andersen (who also bred Staring) gave their colt every chance to become the Derby contender that his pedigree suggested that he might be, forming a partnership to race him and putting him into training in Cambridge with Murray Baker, a trainer with a long-standing record of producing Classic winners, including Staring. His career didn't start well because he unseated Craig Grylls in a 650m 2-year-olds' trial in December 2011 (when he was less than two years and one month old) but he was a lot wiser by the time that he made his debut four months later in a 1200m maiden at Ellerslie, winning by a length under James McDonald, who ended up riding him in all 10 of his victories. **Cont. p2**

So You Think | *Coolmore Australia*

Dundeel Cont.

Murray Baker had seen enough: this was a proper Classic prospect. His first appearance the following spring was in a trial in New Zealand, but by the time that he was ready to resume he was in Sydney, and he never ran in New Zealand again.

With his name changed in Australia to It's A Dundeel, the beautifully muscular and perfectly balanced colt went from strength to strength, taking his record to five-from-five with wins at Wyong and Canterbury followed by the G3 Gloaming S. over 1800m and the G1 Spring Champion S. over 2000m at Randwick. In retrospect, the only mystery is how he managed to avoid winning either the G2 AAMI Moonee Valley Vase or the G1 Victoria Derby when he went down to Melbourne, but he made up for those lapses in the autumn when dominating the big 3-year-olds' races in Sydney in the autumn, racking up a sparkling hat-trick in the G1 Randwick Guineas over 1600m, the G1 Rosehill Guineas over 2000m (by 6.75 lengths) and the G1 AJC Australian Derby over 2400m (by six lengths).

Dundeel further enhanced his reputation in weight-for-age races at four. In the spring he banished any suspicions that he might be less effective racing the Melbourne way of going by beating the outstanding Atlantic Jewel (Fastnet Rock) in the G1 Underwood S. over 1800m at Caulfield. In the autumn he brought the curtain down on his splendid career in the best possible fashion, taking the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. over 2000m at Randwick. This was a very special occasion. He had been beaten by his compatriot Silent Achiever (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) in the G1 Ranvet S. and the G1 BMW Tancred S. but the Queen Elizabeth was the big one, the A$4,000,000 crowning jewel of the first year of The Championships and he won it well, beating a top-class field headed by Sacred Falls (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), Carlton House (USA) (Street Cry {Ire}), Silent Achiever and Royal Descent (Redoute's Choice).

Miss Finland | *TDN AusNZ*

John Messara | *Bronwen Healy*

John Messara, who played such a crucial role in the creation of The Championships, had identified Dundeel as a perfect candidate to complement the top-class shorter-distance horses on the Arrowfield roster and had bought into him in advance of that autumn campaign. The horse's career having ended in a blaze of glory, he headed off to Arrowfield, dropping the 'It's A' and reverting to plain Dundeel. Messara gave his new recruit the ultimate vote of confidence from the outset, supporting him with some of Arrowfield's best mares including the outstanding Miss Finland (Redoute's Choice). The result of this mating, incidentally, was the stand-out among Dundeel's first batch of yearlings, fetching A$900,000 when offered in the Arrowfield draft at the 2017 Magic Millions Gold Coast January Yearling Sale, where he topped the first day's trading.

Last season was promising for Dundeel when his four winners from 18 runners and A$245,395 in earnings placed him 10th in the first-season sires' standings, but this season, his first with 3-year-olds, was always going to be the crucial test. A particular bonus of his early results was the fact that he had a first-crop juvenile group winner when Irukandji, who had fetched A$500,000 as a yearling, took the G3 T. L. Baillieu H. over 1400m at Rosehill last March.

Irukandji hasn't won this season but he has been Group-placed, as has the Chris Waller-trained Dealmaker, a winner last winter at Randwick who subsequently finished one place ahead of his top-class stablemate The Autumn Sun (Redoute's Choice) when second in the G2 Stan Fox S. at Rosehill in the spring. Most recently Dealmaker finished second to Hawkshot (Fiorente {Ire}) in the G2 Autumn S. at Caulfield on Saturday. The Murray Andersen-bred Cutadeel is looking like a potential star. **Cont. p3**

Dundeel Cont.

Trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, he ranks as the horse to beat in the G1 NZ Derby following his recent hat-trick of wins which includes a listed victory over 2100m at Ellerslie in December. If Cutadeel can indeed win the NZ Derby, he will top the achievement of Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum's Atyaab, a son of Dundeel who was bought for A$260,000 out of the Arrowfield draft at the 2017 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale and who, trained in South Africa by Mike De Kock, won the G1 Cape Derby over 2000m at Kenilworth last month. Another 'Classic' winner, albeit a lesser one, from Dundeel's first crop is Tasmanian Guineas hero The Inevitable.

The bonus this season has been the success of Dundeel's 2-year-olds. The win on Saturday of the unbeaten Richard Litt-trained Castelvecchio in the A$2,000,000 Inglis Millennium S. at Warwick Farm can take the lion's share of the credit for the fact that Dundeel is currently sitting in third place not only in the second-season sires' table but also in the list of sires of 2-year-olds, but he isn't Dundeel's only good juvenile going round at present. The other Dundeel colt in the race, the Paul Perry-trained Pandano, had previously won easily on debut at Newcastle; while Yourdeel, an impressive winner at Te Rapa in December, finished third last month in the Karaka Million in New Zealand.

Obviously he is biased, but Arrowfield's Jon Freyer recently described Dundeel as "the new Zabeel". That's a very, very big call--but it might just be true. If it is, that's terrific news for the Australian breeding industry.

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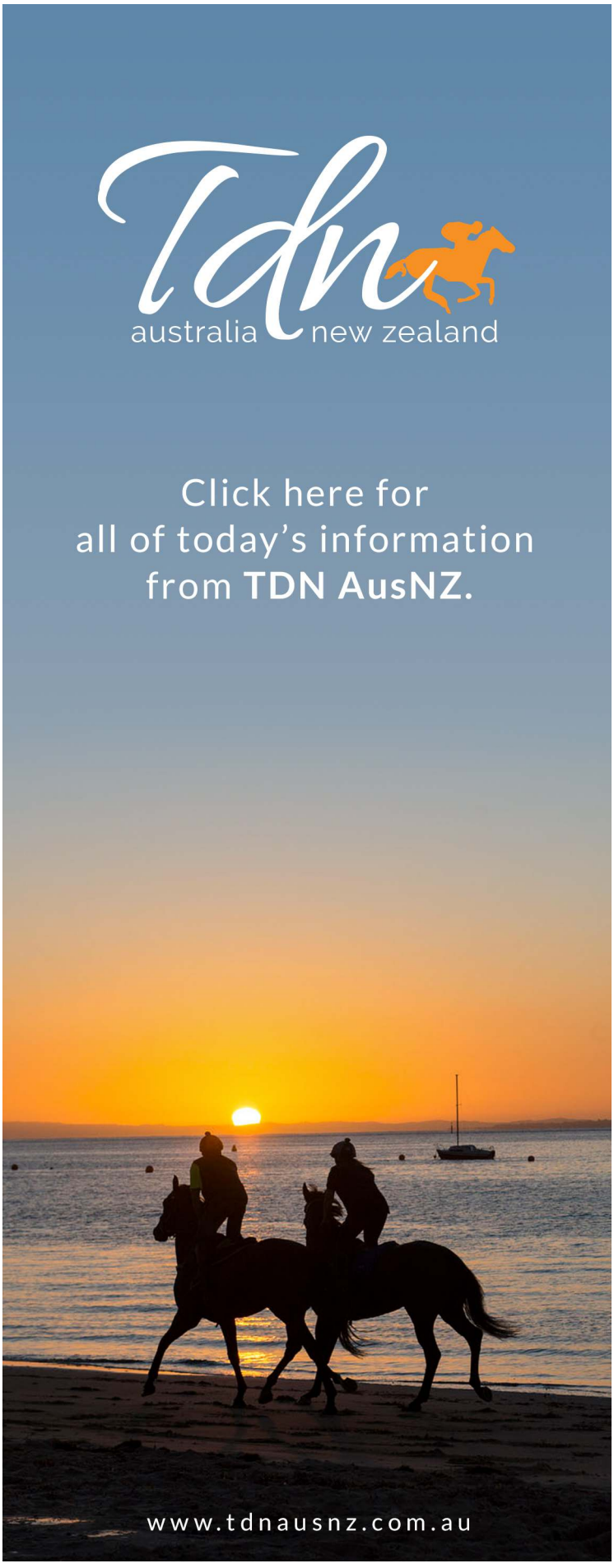
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